

The Holy Spirit

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Please note the difference between “on or upon” to “in”

Example from Old Testament “on or upon” 1 - Moses

Num 11:12-17

12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?

13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'

14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.

15 If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now-- if I have found favour in your eyes-- and do not let me face my own ruin."

16 The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is **on you** and put the Spirit **on them**. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

Example from Old Testament “on or upon” 2 – Gideon

Judg 6:34

34 Then the Spirit of the LORD **came upon Gideon**, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.

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Example from Old Testament “on or upon” 3 - Samson

Judg 14:5-6

5 Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As they approached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring towards him.

6 The Spirit of the LORD **came upon him in power** so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.

Examples from the New Testament “on or upon”

Who was the Holy Spirit promised to all disciples or the apostles only? Consider John 14:26

“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”

(Refer Luke 6:14-16). The apostles receive the Holy Spirit Acts 1:4-13

(see list verse 13, who are they?)

The apostles pass on the Holy Spirit (miraculous) by the laying on of hands

Read Acts 6:1-6 the apostles laying hands on the seven. Philip is one of the seven and read Acts 8:5-13

What convinced the Samaritans and Simon that what Philip was preaching was true? (the miraculous signs)

Acts 8:14-19

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

15 When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

16 because the Holy Spirit had **not yet come upon any of them**; they had simply been baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 **Then Peter and John placed their hands on them**, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the **laying on of the apostles' hands**, he offered them money

19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

If Philip could pass on the miraculous abilities, why was it necessary for the apostles to come up from Jerusalem?

Example of "in" from New Testament only

Rom 8:9, 11

9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if **the Spirit of God lives in you**. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead **is living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, **who lives in you**.

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1 Cor 3:16

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that **God's Spirit lives in you?**

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1 Cor 6:19

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, **who is in you**, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

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Eph 3:16-17

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through **his Spirit in your inner being**,

17 **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

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2 Tim 1:14

14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-- guard it with the help of **the Holy Spirit who lives in us**.

Regarding our salvation, we likewise must be “in Him” as the below passages show.

Rom 6:1-3

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase?

By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised **into** Christ Jesus were baptised **into** his death?

Eph 1:7-11

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfilment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit has two manifestations, “**upon**” which results in the miraculous and “**in**” which is for Christians as a deposit for eternity.

2 Cor 1:22

“set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” & also read 2 Cor 5:5, Eph 1:14, & 2 Tim 1:14