

A man with a full grey beard and a surprised expression, wearing a suit and tie, is shown in a dark setting. A single spotlight hangs from above, illuminating him. The background is dark and textured.

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INTRODUCTION — The Forgotten Member of the Godhead

Talk about the Holy Ghost today, and you'll get confusion.

Some think He's a force. Others think He's a feeling.

Many talk about Him more than they talk to Him — and even fewer understand His true purpose.

The Bible shows that the Holy Ghost is **not energy. Not emotion. Not entertainment.**

He is **God** — the third Person of the Trinity — co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

He's not here to make you feel something.

He's here to get you to **do** something.

CHAPTER 1 — The Real Identity of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost isn't an "it."

He's a "He."

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

He has a will.

He speaks.

He grieves.

He comforts.

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

That verse alone destroys the lie that the Holy Spirit is just “God’s power.”

He **is** God.

And any other belief with regards to the Holy Spirit is not a Christian belief.
The Holy Ghost is God.

CHAPTER 2 — The Real Work of the Holy Ghost

Modern churches make His work about shouting, dancing, and drama. But the Bible says His work is spiritual — not theatrical.

1. He Convicts

John 16:8

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

The Holy Ghost doesn't entertain sinners; He exposes them.

He doesn't make you clap; He wants you to repent.

2. He Comforts

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Comforter doesn't remove your problems; He gives you peace in the middle of them.

His presence is permanent — not emotional, not seasonal, not based on your mood.

3. He Teaches and Guides

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Spirit's job is not to make Himself famous but to glorify Jesus Christ.

If the focus is on the Spirit's manifestations rather than on Christ's message, that's not the Holy Ghost — that's hype.

CHAPTER 3 — The Real Power of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is not given for applause or personal show — He's given for boldness to preach.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

He empowers believers to speak truth, to stand firm, and to win souls.

When the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost, they didn't roll on the floor — they preached the Gospel with fire.

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

CHAPTER 4 — The Filling vs. The Indwelling

There's confusion here — and that confusion fuels false doctrine.

Every believer is **indwelt** by the Holy Ghost the moment they believe. That's permanent.

Romans 8:9

*Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ,
he is none of his.*

But being **filled** with the Spirit is a matter of obedience, surrender, and daily walk — not salvation.

Ephesians 5:18

*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
but be filled with the Spirit.*

Indwelling is possession.

Filling is power.

You don't pray for more of the Spirit — the Spirit wants more of you.

CHAPTER 5 — The Spirit of Truth vs. The Spirit of Error

The Bible warns that in the last days, counterfeit spirits will rise — spirits of emotion, deception, and lies.

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

If a movement leads people away from Scripture, glorifies men, or mixes confusion into the Gospel — it's not the Holy Ghost.

The real Spirit never contradicts the Word He wrote.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 6 — The Spirit's End Goal

The Holy Ghost didn't come to make a name for Himself.

He came to magnify Jesus Christ.

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

Every genuine move of the Spirit results in the same thing:

Jesus exalted. Sinners saved. Saints strengthened.

The Spirit doesn't make you act crazy. He makes you act holy.

He doesn't move you to emotion — He moves you to obedience.

CONCLUSION — The Real Spirit in One Sentence

He is the power of God who indwells every believer, convicts the world of sin, and glorifies Jesus Christ — not Himself.

The Holy Ghost isn't about hype or emotion — He's about holiness and truth.

He doesn't make noise — He makes change.

He doesn't draw attention to Himself — He points every heart to Jesus Christ.

John 16:14

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

The Spirit lives in every believer from the moment of salvation — guiding, convicting, and empowering us to walk boldly in the truth.

He gives courage when the world pressures you to conform.

He gives comfort when the battle feels heavy.

He gives clarity when confusion sets in.

The Holy Ghost is not the spirit of entertainment, emotion, or excitement — He is the Spirit of **truth, boldness, and power.**

2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

So don't chase feelings.

Follow faith.

Because when the Spirit of God fills your heart, the result isn't chaos — it's **conviction.**

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From left to right: Taylor Tapp, Emma Tapp, Joshua Tapp, Pamela Tapp, Abigail Tapp, Callie Tapp.

Pastor Joshua Tapp saw his wife, Pamela, for the first time in early August of 1996. They have been together since August 14, 1996. They were both 16 years old at the time. They had their first child, Callie, in 2008. Taylor was born in 2011. Emma in 2016. And Abigail in 2021. We thank God for all that He gives us. We love you God. We thank you for all things.