

# Symbols of the Holy Spirit

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Genesis 1:1-2; John 14:16

**Introduction** – The workings of the Holy Spirit are invisible, glorious, and gentle, and within them, He never tells us about Himself. He comes to glorify Jesus—helping us to see Jesus more, to understand Jesus better, to respond to Jesus more obediently, and to love Jesus with a deeper heart of commitment. So, the symbols of the Holy Spirit become essential to our gaining an understanding of what He's like, not only in an objective way of analyzing truth, but also in the subjective way that He comes to penetrate our lives. *Jack Hayford*

## **I. The Spirit who hovers and moves (Genesis 1:1-2).**

1. Before creation, God existed, in creation, God acted, and upon creation, God moved.
2. The role of the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2).
3. The power of God's word, breath, spirit (Psalm 33:6-9).
4. The Word by means of which all things were created, became flesh and dwelt among us as Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:14).

## **II. Sent by the Father (John 14:16).**

1. The Holy Spirit is a personal companion, not an impersonal force.
2. He teaches us, He helps us, and He guides us.
3. He gives us power (Acts 1:8).

## **III. The Holy Spirit comes as rain.**

1. As *refreshing* where there has been dryness and barrenness (Joel 2:23-29; Isaiah 44:3).
2. The Lord will send rain to fields [people] that are totally barren as a promise of hope.
3. As *restoration* where there has been loss (Isaiah 28:11-12).
4. The Holy Spirit, coming as rain, comes to bring refreshing and restoration.

## **IV. A chaotic Life.**

1. The Holy Spirit, the revealer of truth and light (2 Corinthians 4:6).
2. God can take the chaos of our lives and transform it into what He desires it to be.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to hover over your heart and your city.