

**Shine
With The
Holy Spirit**

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Matthew 12:31–32 (ESV)

³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but **whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven**, either in this age or in the age to come.

Shine With The Holy Spirit or Put Wheels On The Wagon! The reason I opened up with this Scripture was to highlight the importance and seriousness of the subject; the work of the Holy Spirit or the wheels on the wagon. To deny or neglect the work of the Holy Spirit is unforgivable. Look at the context to which this blasphemy and unforgiveness was related.

Matthew 12:28 (ESV)

But if it is **by the Spirit of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

This “Blasphemy” means to slander “The Work of the Holy Spirit”. Jesus says this is unforgivable! Let me put it another way, the wagon without the wheels “borders on” being unforgiveable. Of course we know that once we trust Christ as our Savior, our sins are forgiven, we receive the Holy Spirit, and we have a home in heaven. However denying the work of the Holy Spirit or not having wheels on the wagon is inconsistent with Scripture and biblical thought.

After Jesus finishes HIS work on the cross, HE then declares the coming Promise of the Holy Spirit. Having Wheels on the Wagon are necessary for the disciples to carry out their assignment.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses to the end of the earth.

It happen just as HE said:

Acts 2:4 (ESV)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The promise, the power, the Holy Spirit came and now they were empowered to be HIS witnesses. They had wheels are on the wagon. Many people do not share their faith because they are ignorant of the wheels necessary for the wagon. This lack of power “borders on” blasphemy. One reason God allows the failure of human and biblical logic to change the world is because HE wants the world to witness the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants the world to see the functioning wheels on the wagon.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

The normal function of the church is to have the personal witness of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:32 (ESV)

And **we are witnesses** to these things, and **so is the Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him.

“The witness of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit’s own direct witness—not merely indirectly through the Word, but coming immediately and directly to believers. The Holy Spirit was witnessing to Peter at that moment as he spoke! How could Peter speak as he did? The answer is: he had the Holy Spirit Himself in him—immediately and directly.”

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We are to walk in normal Christianity in the glorious promise of Jesus. We also have a responsibility to Jesus to share with those who are ignorant or misinformed about the Holy Spirit. By not sharing with those who do not have wheels on their wagon, we are enabling them in their blasphemy and worse we are participating in their blasphemy; their slander and unforgiveness. Also it is likely that many people who don’t have wheels on their wagon are in fact not even in the wagon. God will hold us responsible for withholding HIS glorious promise from HIS precious children struggling in powerlessness.

Acts 18:24–**26** (ESV) -- **(Put wheels on his wagon)**

²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been **instructed** in the way of the Lord. And being **fervent** in spirit, he spoke and **taught accurately** the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ **He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.**

Acts 19:2–**6** (ESV)

² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, **we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.**” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ **And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.**
(Got them in the wagon or put wheels on the wagon)

My dear brothers and sisters, I want you powerful.

1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 (ESV)

¹⁹ **Do not quench the Spirit.** ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good.

What about us? What do we know and what do we believe? Are we thirsting and saying, “Dear God, I want all you have for me.” Are you saying, “Whatever.” God looks for passion. God is nauseated by the lukewarm.

Revelation 3:16 (ESV)

Because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Seek/Ask/Believe/Receive/Wheels on the Wagon

Impartation – A function of the church

1 Timothy 4:14 (ESV)

Do not neglect **the gift** you have, which was **given you by prophecy** when **the council of elders laid their hands on you.**

2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV)

For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you **through the laying on of my hands,**

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Colossians 1:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.