



**A**  
**MOVE**  
*of*  
**THE HOLY**  
**SPIRIT**

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### **Acts 3:19-21**

“Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

This passage clearly connects the work of the Holy Spirit with spiritual restoration and refreshment for all who repent and believe in Christ.

## *A Move Of The Spirit*

The Holy Spirit's presence in our lives is very important, especially when it comes to our relationship with God. It's exactly like a key that unlocks the doors to a whole new level of connection and understanding.

Let's think about it this way: imagine you need three keys to unlock the doors to the Kingdom of God. These three keys represent the most crucial aspects of the Holy Spirit's movement in our lives.

**\*\*First Key: Salvation.\*\*** The only way we can enter the Kingdom of God is by being born again. Jesus told Nicodemus this in John Chapter 3. When we're born again, we become saved in our hearts, and Christ becomes our Lord and Savior.

**\*\*Second Key: God's Word.\*\*** Although we could make this the first key, we need God's word to live and walk by faith. It guides, corrects, and reveals God's will in our lives.

**\*\*Third Key: The Holy Spirit.\*\*** Also known as a helper, it's a friend that the Father sent to live inside us. He reminds us of the words our Lord Jesus gave us. He's a powerful force that lives in us, helps us, and guides us. The Apostle Paul even said that we're the temple for God, and He lives in us.

To get a feel for how the Holy Spirit moves today, we need to understand how He's always operated. The Bible doesn't show the Spirit as being unpredictable or experimental. While He's free to move, His character is always the same. He moves to show us Christ, bring life, convict and restore, empower us to obey, and shape us into His image.

The Holy Spirit didn't stop moving at the end of the Bible. He didn't stop after Pentecost when He touched the disciples in the upper room. And He definitely didn't stop once the early church started. The same Spirit that was over the waters in Genesis, was with Mary in Luke, came down like a wind in Acts, and gave power to the apostles is still moving today among God's

people. His work doesn't get weaker because of time, or human weakness. In fact, He gets more important when genuine believers in Christ become confused, sad, or feel dry spiritually.

## ***The Holy Spirit Moves, God Is At Work***

In John 5:17, Jesus made a definitive declaration: “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” This statement underscores the continuity of God’s work and the Spirit’s active participation in it.

Without the Spirit’s movement, the Bible becomes only information, not something that transforms us. The Holy Spirit is not merely a distant religious concept or an abstract force; rather, the Spirit is the very real and dynamic presence of God dwelling within us.

Whenever God is at work in the world or in our lives, it is the Holy Spirit who is actively moving and orchestrating that work. Where the Spirit is present, things do not remain stagnant; there is always transformation, growth, and new life. The movement of the Holy Spirit brings about genuine change, both within individuals and in the broader community of believers.

In our daily walk as Christians, the Holy Spirit plays a crucial role—not by replacing Scripture,

but by helping us to understand and apply the truth of God's Word. The Bible is complete and unchanging, but it is the Spirit who illuminates its meaning and shows us how to live out its teachings in our unique circumstances.

The Spirit does not introduce new doctrines or revelations outside of what God has already spoken through His Word. Instead, He continually points us back to Jesus Christ, making His presence and His words real and relevant in the midst of our everyday experiences.

Without the work of the Holy Spirit, the Bible could easily become a collection of ancient writings or mere intellectual knowledge. It might inform our minds, but it would not transform our hearts. The Spirit takes the truth of Scripture and breathes life into it, enabling us to experience God personally and to be changed from the inside out.

## *The Spirit Moves to Give Life*

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:6: “The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” This verse is critical for understanding the Spirit’s ongoing movement. Paul is not condemning Scripture. He is warning that Scripture alone won’t make you live. Just knowing the facts won’t make you holy. And religious efforts alone won’t change you.

The Spirit is stirring today to make God’s truth come alive in your heart, not just in your mind. When the Spirit moves, the Bible cuts through, brings comfort, corrects, and refreshes you. People don’t just learn about God; they relate to Him.

Have you ever noticed that two people can hear the same sermon, read the same passage, or sit in the same service, but only one of them feels a real change? It’s not about being smarter or less intelligent. It’s all about the Spirit’s touch and movement.

## *The Spirit Moves As Wind*

Jesus' description of the Spirit as wind remains true today: "The wind blows where it wishes... so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

When Jesus says, "The wind blows where it wishes... so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8), He is using the image of the wind to explain the mysterious and sovereign work of the Holy Spirit in the process of spiritual rebirth. Just as we cannot see the wind itself but can feel its effects and see its movement in the world around us, so too is the work of the Spirit.

We may not always understand how or why the Spirit moves in certain ways, but we can see the evidence in changed hearts, transformed lives, and new spiritual birth. The Spirit moves freely, not according to our earthly human formulas or expectations, but according to God's will and purpose.

This teaching reminds us that being “born of the Spirit” is not something we can control or predict. It’s a gift from God, initiated by His Spirit rather than our own efforts. The Spirit works in His own timing and way, drawing people to faith and shaping them into new creations.

For believers, this truth is both humbling and encouraging. It will humble us because salvation and transformation are ultimately God’s work, not ours. It encourages us because, no matter our circumstances or limitations, the Spirit is able to move in powerful and unexpected ways, bringing new life wherever He goes.

Wind is unpredictable, like the Spirit. We can’t control it, but we can anticipate it. This is a big misunderstanding in modern Christianity: the Spirit can’t be managed. Church programs, strategies, and structures can create space for the Spirit, but they can’t replace Him. When believers rely only on methods without the

Spirit, things stop moving. Everything at the time may seem okay, but it's not alive.

When the Spirit moves like wind today:

- Conviction comes unexpectedly
- Hearts soften without manipulation
- Direction becomes clear without coercion
- Courage rises where fear once ruled

This isn't some emotional drama that draws attention to people. Wind doesn't need noise to exist. Sometimes the Spirit's movement is loud and obvious; other times it's quiet and personal. Either way, you can tell it's there because things change.

## ***The Spirit Moves to Convict and Restore***

One of the clearest signs of the Spirit's movement today is conviction. Jesus said in John 16:8: "When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment."

Conviction is not condemnation. Condemnation pushes people away from God. Conviction draws people toward repentance and healing. The Spirit does not expose sin to shame; He exposes it to heal.

When the Spirit moves among God's people today, hidden things come to light—not to destroy, but to restore. Pride is confronted. Bitterness is revealed. Compromise is exposed. But always with an invitation to return.

This is why genuine spiritual renewal often begins with repentance. Not public spectacle, but honest surrender. When the Spirit moves, excuses fall apart. Justifications collapse. Hearts become teachable again.

Where there is no conviction, the Spirit is being resisted. Where conviction is welcomed, transformation begins.

## *The Spirit Moves to Empower*

Romans 8:13 says: “If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Pay attention to the words. Paul doesn’t say, “If you try harder.” He says, “By the Spirit.” Obedience isn’t about willpower; it’s about having the Spirit’s power.

Many believers face challenges when they try to grow spiritually without the Spirit’s power. They want to follow God’s commands, but they lack the strength to do so. But here’s the exciting news: the Spirit is moving today to give us what our human resolve can’t.

This isn’t instant perfection, but it’s real progress. The Spirit doesn’t take away our responsibilities; He gives us the strength to do them. The Spirit is working to shape us into the people God wants us to be. Paul writes in Galatians 4:19: “My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...”

This verse sounds like something from Genesis, talking about creation and birth. But here's the thing: the Spirit is working today to shape Christ within believers, not just to make us behave better. Becoming a mature Christian isn't about becoming more religious; it's about becoming more like Christ. And guess what? Only the Spirit can do that. He's like the creator of our character, shaping it slowly, intentionally, and with a purpose.

In Galatians 5, the fruit of the Spirit isn't a list of things to do. It's the signs that the Spirit is working in your life. Love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness don't come from trying hard. They come when the Spirit is free to move. And guess what? The Spirit loves to unite people, not divide them.

In a world that's often torn apart and divided, the Spirit's movement today is all about unity based on truth. Ephesians 4:3 says: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Unity isn't about everyone agreeing on everything. It's about putting our trust in Christ together. The Holy Spirit helps us overcome pride, soften our opinions, and remember what really matters. When the Spirit moves, competition fades and cooperation grows. Ego takes a backseat to humility, and division loses its grip.

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be united within the church. This unity is not something we make up on our own, but it's a gift from God. When we're united, we share a common faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit lives in us. But even though this unity is a gift, Paul says we have to work hard to keep it. We need to be patient, humble, and gentle with each other. And when we have disagreements, we should try to solve them in a way that shows Christ's love.

The Spirit doesn't make believers stand out; it makes them faithful witnesses. When the Spirit moves today, ordinary people can speak with surprising clarity, courage, and compassion.

Witness isn't about being loud or arguing. It's about having a Spirit-filled presence.

When people's lives are changed by the Spirit, they become living examples of what God can do. When Jesus declared, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8), He was preparing His followers for a new phase in their relationship with God and their mission in the world. The "power" Jesus spoke of is not mere human strength or ability, but a divine empowerment that comes directly from God's Spirit.

This power enables believers to boldly share the message of Jesus Christ, to live transformed lives, and to carry out God's purposes despite opposition or difficulty. The coming of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of a new era in which God's presence would not just be with His people, but actually dwell within them, equipping them for the task of spreading the gospel.

Being a “witness” means more than just sharing facts about Jesus. It means sharing your life, your words, and your actions to show people that Jesus really rose from the dead and that His message can change their lives.

The Holy Spirit gives ordinary people the courage, wisdom, and guidance they need to do extraordinary things for God’s glory. It gives them the strength to live out their faith in a way that truly reflects Jesus Christ. And that’s how the Christian faith spread all over the world—because believers, empowered by the Spirit, were bold witnesses of God’s love, forgiveness, and transformative power.

## ***Spirit Moves in Ways We Don't Always See***

Have you ever noticed how the Spirit often moves before we even know it? Just like when God hovered over the waters before speaking, He prepares our hearts before we make important decisions, repent, or feel called to something.

Many believers look back and realize the Spirit was working long before they even noticed it. He was like a mastermind, arranging things, making us less resistant, showing us our hunger, and guiding us towards God.

This should make you feel humble and confident. Humility because we don't have everything under control. Confidence because God is always ahead of us. Just like an eagle that takes care of its young by stirring up its nest, hovering over them, spreading its wings to catch them, and carrying them high above.

- > “As an eagle stirs up its nest,
- > Hovers over its young,

- > Spreading out its wings, taking them up,
- > Carrying them on its wings,
- > So the Lord alone led him,
- > And there was no foreign god with him.”
- > (Deuteronomy 32:11–12)

These verses and others are part of the Song of Moses. Moses wrote a song that reminds us of the Holy Spirit, like an eagle hovering over its young, ready to swoop down and catch them. That’s how God’s Spirit moves above us, nurturing, protecting, and guiding us. Even when we can’t always see or understand how He’s working, He’s always there for us.

## ***Spirit Moves Over the Turmoil***

Here's a comforting truth for today: the Spirit is still with us, even amidst chaos. It's there for broken families, wounded marriages, weary churches, and confused hearts. The Spirit of God is there for not just individuals but for the righteous purpose of a nation and nations. When things feel formless and empty, remember that the Spirit hasn't left.

Genesis teaches us that chaos isn't the end, but the beginning of an essential move of God. The Spirit moves today not because people are ready, but because God is faithful.

This means that chaos isn't the end of the story, but often the starting point for God's essential and powerful work. When our lives seem to fall apart or situations feel out of control, we can trust that the Spirit hasn't left us. God's Spirit is not limited by our readiness or our strength; the Spirit moves because God is faithful to His promises. Even when we can't see a way

forward, the Spirit is already at work, preparing something new and good.

So, whether you're facing confusion, loss, or uncertainty, remember that God's Spirit is present, moving over the turmoil to bring healing, direction, and fresh beginnings. The same Spirit who brought life out of chaos at the world's beginning is still creating and renewing today.

## *Conclusion*

The Holy Spirit is stirring up something special today among God's people, just like He always does. He's, as we would say, like a wild wind, free and unstoppable, like a protective bird, and like a holy eternal shadow, covering, guiding, and empowering without causing any harm.

As He journeys through creation, He convicts, restores, empowers, unites, shapes, and sends. He doesn't rush the process, but He never gives up. Where He moves, life follows. The question isn't whether the Spirit is moving today. The real question is whether God's people are responding to His movement.

The Spirit is like the sunrise that brightens our day and gives us fresh hope and new starts whenever we welcome Him. It's like a chance to begin anew, see life differently, and move forward. And the best part is, it all starts with the Spirit continually working within us and around us, eternally with us in this life and the life to come.



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