

# The Gift of the Holy Ghost

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Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:3; 2 Nephi 32:5; Doctrine and Covenants 130:22

*We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.* Articles of Faith 1:4

Everyone who has repented of his or her sins, has been baptized as a member of the Church, and continues to live worthily can have the constant influence of the Holy Ghost (see Acts 2:38). After people are baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands by those who have the authority to administer this ordinance.

The Holy Ghost—sometimes referred to as the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Lord, or the Comforter—is a personage of Spirit and not of flesh and bones (see D&C 130:22). It is

through the Holy Ghost that people gain a testimony of Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:3). Once we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, “it will show unto [us] all things what [we] should do” (2 Nephi 32:5). Some hear the Holy Ghost as a still, small voice; others experience a strong sense of peace. As we listen to the Holy Ghost, we can tell right from wrong and be strengthened in our resolve to live righteously. Through the Holy Ghost we may be warned of danger or receive protection. The Holy Ghost can send comfort and love in times of need and will help us understand sacred things.

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## Summary

After we are baptized we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. The Holy Ghost will be our constant companion as long as we live righteously. We can feel the influence of the Holy Ghost in different ways. Sometimes we will hear a still, small voice; have a feeling

of peace; or have a warm feeling in our heart. The Holy Ghost can help us understand sacred things and will testify of the truth. As we listen to the Holy Ghost, we can tell right from wrong and feel comforted and loved.

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