




**THE BEST WAY FORWARD  
2019**



**LET'S PUT THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BACK ON THE AGENDA**



**Gal 3:9** So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

**Gal 3:29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Abraham is **our** father – father of the faithful

**Rom 4:16** “the ‘father of us all’.”

**Gal 3:8** “God announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”



**Gen 12:2-3.**

**“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. This was a great promise - to carry the blessing of God, to be used in the purpose of God, to dispense the blessing of God.**



**Gen 15:6**

**Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.**


## **Gen 17:1-7**

**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.**

**I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."**

**Abram fell face down, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.**

**I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.**



**Abram - - - - - Abraham**

**h-a pronounced 'ha' – Heb 'heh'**

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**The 'breath' letter**



# Old Testament Sons of Abraham

**Sampson:** the strongest man in the OT

**Moses:** the greatest leader in the OT

**Joshua:** the greatest leader after Moses

**Solomon:** the wisest man in the OT

**Joseph:** the purest person in the OT

**Saul:** The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, ... and you will be changed into a different person. **1 Sam 10:6**

# New Testament Sons of Abraham

**Acts 4:8**

**Acts 4:31**

**Acts 6:3**

**Acts 6:5**

**Acts 7:55**

**Joel 2 – Acts 2**

# All believers are Sons of Abraham

The NT mentions the Holy Spirit **260+** times

**60** refs in gospels

**59** in Acts – **36** of these are HS speaking

**132** times in letters

Only **3** letter no mention! Postcards!

# **Practical benefits of being open to the Holy Spirit**

**He will improve your devotional life**

**He will make you more Christ-like**

**He will help you overcome sinful traits and temptations**

# **How do we get more in tune with the Spirit**

**Meditate on the Scriptures**

**Believe what you hear and see in the Word**

**Be obedient to what He says to you**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**