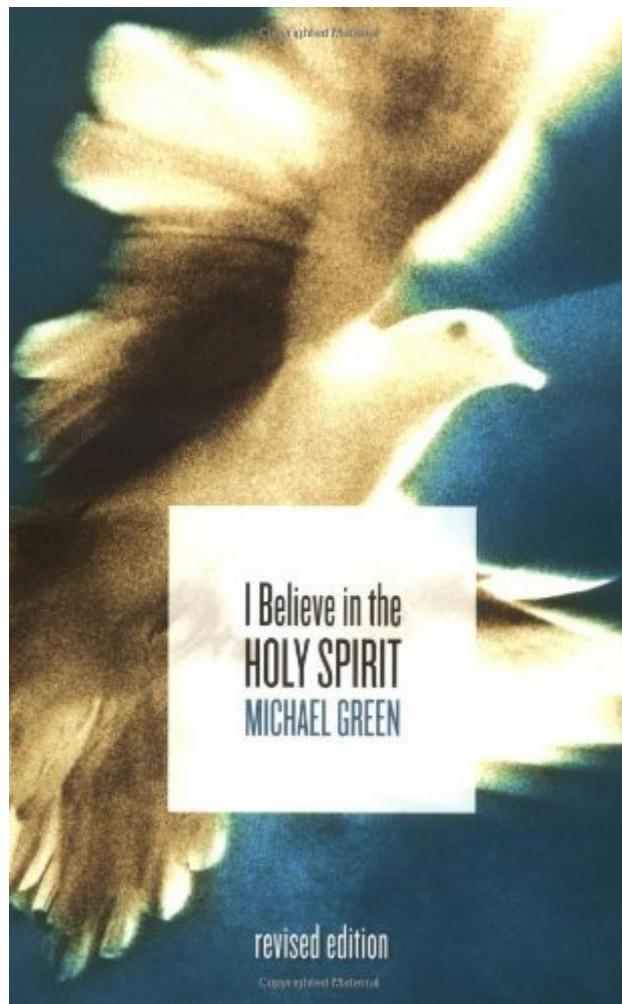


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# I Believe In The Holy Spirit



## **Synopsis**

For many Christians, the Holy Spirit is little more than a shadowy figure they learned about while reading the Book of Acts. This updated edition of Greens classic traces the doctrine of the Holy Spirit throughout the Bible, and addresses contemporary church issues including baptism, gifts, works, and the charismatic movement. Concise, concentrated, and clear teaching.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Just finished this book, and as a Reformed Charismatic, it is "worth its weight in gold"! The last two chapters of this revised edition are worth a million bucks alone! They are a nice survey of the past 20-30 years of the charismatic movement's "hit and misses" within the Christian world. I'm a pastor of an independent-charismatic church in Latin America (Puerto Rico, a hispanic commonwealth of the USA in the Caribbean), with an essentially-reformed theology stance. I was raised within a classical Pentecostal church, and spent my adult-youth years in a neo-pentecostal, Third Wave church plant. Nowadays I spent my whole available time reading, studying and attending conferences derived from early Protestant, Puritan and new-calvinism sources (all of them from evangelical mainline sources). I have seen the issues this book describes first-hand, and I am currently dealing with the debates, struggles and challenges to balance it all and package it for a

congregation that is accustomed to solid biblical teaching but at the same time has a deep hunger and need for the Spirit work among them. The notion that the Spirit "is well and alive, thank you!" is certainly a most profound need for the church at large today. My only concern with the book is his treatment of the charismatic movement within the Catholic Church without qualifying what to do with the doctrinal differences that are still valid, between Protestants and Catholics. Certainly, the work of the Spirit among them is a needed corrective for all the saints that are inside the Catholic Church, but are in need of a real experience and manifestation of God among them. But, what to do with the heresies and plan apostasy that marks some doctrines within Romanism? Do we fall short of evangelizing the catholic faithful because they are partaking the same Spirit as we are? My stance is that we shall strive for a continuous openness to a shared experienced in prayer, worship, and longing for God, but with a clear definition and a firm stance on the issues that we understand are vital for the salvation of the soul. Our problem is not with the faithful among them, but with the institutional Church that is teaching a false Gospel to the world at large. And that's exactly why the charismatic movement is so important for the Church: it is the Spirit that was sent to us to "show and remind us the truth of Christ", and is the unrestricted Spirit that will make the faithful from all denominations and creeds, to "come out" and hear Christ's calling. The world needs a vibrant, solid, relevant-ancient church on their midst. Pray for God to do it powerfully in our time!

This is, without doubt, one of the best and most balanced works on the Holy Spirit I have read. The author traces the person and work of the Spirit from Old Testament to New. Of particular interest is his balanced treatment of the fullness of Spirit-given gifts and giftedness within the framework of apostolic history and sacramental theology. The read is scholarly yet is written to be easily comprehended. I highly recommend this work. Dr. T. Merrill, D.Min, MFC

A well written book. Covers the work of the third person of the Trinity throughout Old and New Testament times.

Should be required reading for the church.

This is a very good book to better understand the Holy Spirit. It assists in your knowledge that the indwelling Holy Spirit is always present and active in the lives of Jesus followers.

It was all I expected. Scholarly but dull or heavy handed (minimal footnotes). The bibliography

shows the research. Gives fair analysis of charismatics, critical of excesses but sympathetic to the movement. An excellent treatment of the Holy Spirit and contemporary issues. An easy read that is thoughtful and thought-provoking.

This is a great book on the Holy Spirit because it covers so much of the different roles, gifts, and its history. Many Christians have heard about the Holy Spirit but do not understand a great deal about Him. Usually, we carry great misunderstanding about Him and allow those misconceptions to rule our perspective of the Holy Spirit. Green does an in depth and thorough job of introducing us to the third in the Godhead.

It's hard to find extensive work on the Holy Spirit. This book does a great job! I read it for one of my seminary courses and enjoyed it.

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