

**“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” Acts 19:2**

While the Holy Spirit can be with me but not yet living in and controlling me, I can't consistently pray, praise, preach, or obey without Him.

Without the Holy Spirit...?

1) Can I pray a prayer that is heard by God?

Rm 8:26-28 (Jack Hayford version) **The Holy Spirit takes hold of our weakness, because we don't know what to pray for; but He overcomes our inadequacies by inspiring prayers through us that otherwise would not be uttered. He knows what the will of God is, and He see that these intercessions are according to God's will and for the benefit of others.**

1 Jn 5:14 **Now this is the confidence that we have in Him** (in Christ, in the Holy Spirit), **that if we ask** (in prayer) **anything according to His will, He hears us.**

2) Can I praise God and silence my enemies?

Jn 4:24 **God is a spirit...** Ps 22:3 **You (God) inhabit the praises of Israel** (Your people)

Ps 8:2 **From the mouths of children and infants You (God) have ordained** (create the fruit of the lips of) **praise on account of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and avenger.**

3) Can I preach and feed His sheep?

Lk 4:18 **The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor...**

1 Pet 1:12 **...revealed to...you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit...**

4) Can I do His will?

Ps 143:10 **Teach me to do Your will...Let your good Spirit lead me...**

Eze 36:27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**

Let's consider these words in closing,  
Jesus the living word and Spirit of the Father,

Jn 15:5 **I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit** (the fruit of prayer, praise, preaching, and obedience), **for apart from me you can do nothing.**

