

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we receive New Life and become a “new creation”.



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation;**
the old has gone, **the new has come!**” 2 Cor 5:17

- **The “first” Creation:**

Gen 1:2

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

“**the earth was formless and empty**” → a lifeless, useless, meaningless mess. The Spirit brought order out of this confusion and meaning out of this mess. The Spirit is still moving today. He was able to create something out of nothing then. He can bring forth a new creation amongst us now.

If our lives are empty, He can fill us.

If our lives are aimless, He can inject a new zeal and purpose in us.

If our lives are confused and loss, He can lead us into new directions.

“**darkness was over the surface..**” → Darkness describes the earth without God, before the Spirit of creation did His work. It is the same today. Without God, without the action of the Holy Spirit, men live in darkness and sin. That is why we need the Holy Spirit.

“**the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**” → “hovering” gives a picture of an eagle hovering over its nest, bringing forth the young eaglets and brooding over them. Just as the Spirit hovered over the first creation (bringing forth life), so the Spirit hovered over Mary to bring forth Jesus (the first fruit of the New Creation), and then on Pentecost day -- bringing forth New Life in us, the Church as the New Creation.

- **The “New” Creation:**

Lk 1:35

The angel Gabriel said to Mary: “The Holy Spirit will **come upon you**, and the power of the Most High will **overshadow you**; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”

Acts 2: 3,4

On the day of Pentecost: “There appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and **resting on** each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Prayer of the Church (inspired by Ps 104:30): Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

**Through the power of the same Holy Spirit,
we are part of the new creation,
called to live the New Life!**

For “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life.” Apostles Creed