

New Testament Metaphors for the Holy Spirit		
Symbol	Scriptures	Significance
WIND	Acts 2:2; John 3:6-8	A picture to help us understand the invisible, uncontainable, and powerful work of the Spirit
FIRE	Matthew 3:11-12; Acts 2:3	A symbol of God's holy presence and purifying power
WATER	John 7:37-39	A picture of the Spirit's work in refreshing, cleansing, and renewing in the life of a believer
OIL	Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:20	A symbol of the Spirit's empowerment, understanding and healing in the life of a believer
DOVE	Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21-22	Representing the peace that is ours through Christ and perhaps also the gentle, peaceful comfort that the Spirit brings to those in Christ.
SEAL	Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 5:5	Assures us that the Spirit is God's pledge or 'down payment' towards our final glorification with Christ
FIRST FRUITS	Romans 8:23	An indicator of the coming harvest of redemption, salvation, and glory for the believer

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