

Elemental – The Breath of God

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2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 3:8

In John 3 Jesus uses the wind as an illustration of the Holy Spirit. In verse 8 when Jesus says, “The wind blows where it wishes...” the Greek word used there for wind can also be translated spirit. We could insert spirit into verse 8 and say then, “**The spirit blows where it wishes.**” Jesus is using an analogy to compare the wind to that of being born of the Spirit, or being born again like He says in verses 3 and 7 of John 3.

➤ **Salvation involves a new birth coming from the Holy Spirit.**

John 3:6

Somehow by God’s grace when the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed to us—that Jesus died in our place on the cross, taking our sins upon Him, and rising from the dead to bring us hope and victory—we receive Jesus by faith. As this happens, something takes place, a spiritual new birth occurs in us. The Spirit breathes into us new life, and as the Bible says Jesus Christ comes to dwell within us.

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

(“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” by Keith and Kristyn Getty)

John 20:19-23

1. When Jesus comes to us in love, He brings us peace.

1 John 4:18-19

Love has come to the disciples. Love has a name—Jesus. Peace has also come to the disciples. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

2. Jesus comes to us to send us out, just as the Father sent Him.

John 20:21

The essence of what Jesus is saying to them in this passage is this: “The time is coming for you to leave the confines of this room with locked doors. You are no longer to be afraid of those who put me to death. The time has come for you to go on mission, to be sent by me to others, just as the Father sent me to save this world.”

3. Jesus breathes the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, upon us to empower us for the mission.

John 20:22

Acts 4:31

2 Timothy 1:7

We need the breath of God for salvation. We need the breath of God to fulfill our mission. We need God to breathe new life on us each and every day so that we might walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and see a genuine revival take place in our lifetime.

Lord we pray by Your Holy Spirit breathe new life into our souls.