

THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS PERSON & WORK

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WEEK 1 REVIEW

I. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Creates

Genesis 1:1-3: *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."*

2. Converts

i. Prophesied in the OT

Ezek. 36:25-27: *"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."*

Joel 2:28-29: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."

ii. Necessity & Reality in the NT

I Cor. 2:14: "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

John 3: 5-8: "Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

iii. Baptism of the Spirit

Acts 1:5: "And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

1 Corinthians 12:13: "For we were all baptized in one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

3. Convicts & Sanctifies

i. Brings True Conviction

John 16:8-11: *"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."*

Acts 2.37: *"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

2. Cor. 7:10: *"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."*

ii. Positionally & Progressively Sanctifies

1 Corinthians 6:11 *"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*

1 Thess. 4:2-4,7-8: *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God... ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you."*

iii. Filled with the Spirit

Acts 6:5a *"And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit"*

Eph. 1:16-17: *"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him"*

Galatians 5:22-23: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

4. Communicates & Reveals

i. OT Prophets

Ezek. 11:5: *"And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said to me, "Say, Thus says the LORD"*

Acts 1:16: *"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus."*

2 Peter 1:24, *"For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*

ii. Apostles

John 16:13: *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*

Revelation 2:7: *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

5. Empowers

i. Making of the Tabernacle

Ex. 35:30-35, *“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹ and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft.”*

ii. Accomplishing God’s Will

- Moses (Is. 63:11-12)
- Saul (1 Sam. 11:6)
- David (I Sam. 16:13-14)

iii. Empowers the Coming Messiah (Is. 11:1-2)

Is. 11: 1-2 *“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.”*

iv. Empowers Our Prayers

Romans 8:26-27, *“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”*

6. Gives Gifts to the Church (Romans 12:6-8; I Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4:11-13)

Romans 12:6-8: *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

I Cor. 12:7-11: *“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as he wills.”*

Ephesians 4:11-16: *“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”*

Five Observations About Spiritual Gifts

- 1) Biblical lists are not comprehensive

- 2) Priority on Scripture-related gifts

- 3) Gifts are given by God

- 4) Spiritual gifts are to build up the church in good order (I Cor. 14:26-33)

- 5) Love is the guiding principle in the exercise of the spiritual gifts

I Cor. 13:1-3, *"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."*

Two Questions About Spiritual Gifts

1) What about the spiritual gifts of healing, miracles, or speaking in tongues?

a. Continuationist View

b. Cessationist View

2) What is my spiritual gift?

7. Unifies the Church

Eph. 4:1-5: *"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*

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