

The Holy Spirit

Read John 16:1-15

Point: Verse 13 – The Spirit of Truth; He will guide you into all truth.

Point: Verse 14 – **He will glorify me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

John 15:18-26 (don't read, just cover several points)

- Since the world hated me, it will hate you also, because you are not of the world.
- Since they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. [Verse: 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.
- Verse 26 – But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the father, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness...**

Re-read John 16:5-7

[?] Verse 7: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away. Why?** How could anything possibly be better than having Jesus right there day after day as He was with His disciples?

For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. Jesus is saying it would be better for His followers for the Holy Spirit to be in them than for Him to be with them.

Point: John 16:12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, ... He will guide you into all truth...

Read Acts 1:4-5

Point: Verse 4 – Jesus tells them not to leave Jerusalem, **not to do anything but wait** for the Promise of the Father. They weren't ready to minister and be witnesses for Him at this time.

- The "Promise of the Father" – Heaven's Treasure

Verse 5: ...but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

- John 20:22 – after His resurrection, when Jesus appeared to some of His disciples, He said peace be with you and He breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit. **So the disciples had received the Holy Spirit, but now Jesus**

is talking about a further experience that he referred to as “baptized in the Holy Spirit”.

- John 1:32 & 33 - ...”... I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a Dove, and he remained upon Him. ...
- [?] Why do you think God chose to send His Spirit in the form of a Dove? Why not a lion or eagle?
- but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, Upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” So now we are seeing a fulfillment of this prophecy.

Read Acts 1:5-8

[?] Verse 8: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you... Power to do what?”

...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in...

We tend to put a lot of stock in a person’s last words. These were Jesus’ last words before he ascended back to Heaven.

“But you shall receive power...” **This tends to shed light on a verse that is a little mysterious: John 4:12** “Most assuredly, I say to you, He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also. And greater works than these he will do; because I go to my Father?” then several verses later Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:1-4

Point: Verse 1 - The Holy Spirit loves unity. (a Psalm says its like the dew on Mt. Hermon)

Point: Verses 2 & 3 – a rushing mighty wind, and flames of fire that rested on each one. Relate my experiences with these.

Verse 4 and they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

[?] What were they saying in other languages? Read verses 7 – 11, “The wonderful works of God.”

[?] The latter portion of Acts Chapter 2 is Peter’s Sermon. How many are saved? Peter preached with boldness and power that came from the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:37-38

Read Acts 8:14 – 17 Peter and John sent from Jerusalem to minister to believers in Samaria.

Read Acts 19:1-7 Paul at Ephesus.

Point: Verse 2 – First thing Paul asked (recorded here) “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

Tongues: Read 1 Cor 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God...” Read 1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself... 1 Cor 14:5 I wish you all spoke in tongues...

Acts 10 (don't read) Peter sent to Cornelius and other Gentiles

- Cornelius, a devout man who feared God, a centurion. “Prayed to God always.” An angel visits him in a vision. Tells him his prayers and alms have come up before God as a memorial. Tells him to send for Peter in Joppa.
- The next day, Peter on rooftop, hungry, wanting to eat, has a vision. Sheet comes down from heaven filled with all kinds of wild animals, birds and creeping things descend to the earth.
- A voice came, Rise Peter, kill and eat.
- Peter says “Not so, Lord. I have never eaten anything common or unclean”.
- Voice says: “What God has cleansed, you must not call common”.
- This happens 3 times.
- While Peter wonders what this means, delegation from Cornelius comes to the home where Peter is staying.
- Spirit tells Peter, Behold, 3 men are seeking you. Arise... go with them doubting nothing, for I have sent them.”
- Men tell Peter about Cornelius' vision of the angel.
- The next day Peter and a delegation of Jewish believers accompany them to Cornelius home.
- When they arrive, Cornelius has gathered his family and friends.
- Peter asks, why did you send for me?

Read Acts 10:38-48.

Point: God poured out his Spirit on the Gentiles, before they knew anything but the most basic gospel of Jesus – his death and resurrection. The Jewish believers were astonished.

[?] Do you think God wanted these people to have the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

[?] Do you think God wants you to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What makes you think so?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God. How do you feel when you give a gift to one of your children and they ignore it?

[?] God gave His Son. John 3:16. For God so loved that He gave. But He didn't stop there. To those who already have Salvation, God is giving another gift. Which is? He gave us the two members of the Godhead, one for Salvation, and one so we can walk in Victory even in times when the world hates us and we are persecuted.