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Part of Gifted - Expect to be Empowered

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## Message: Who is the Holy Spirit

### Series: Gifted: Expect to be Empowered

This is our first message in the series Gifted: Expect to be Empowered!

The goal of this series is to bring you closer to the Holy Spirit by understanding who He is and what He can do for you. Hopefully you will understand the different spiritual gifts and by the end, be able to identify and employ your giftedness within the church.

## Introduction

- Power comes from God's HOLY SPIRIT

*Gifted: Expect to be Empowered aims to teach you how God's Holy Spirit will empower you to be and to do that which you've never had faith to be or do before.*

—Pastor Chad

- We believe in ONE God (we are a monotheistic religion)
  - made up of THREE persons
- We call it the HOLY TRINITY
  - God the Father
  - God the Son (Jesus)
  - God the Holy Spirit (God's Holy Spirit)

*The power of the Holy Spirit has been ignored, misunderstood, and misused...*

—Billy Graham

### **John 16:5-7 (NLT)**

5 “But now I am going away to the One who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going.

6 Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you.

7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you."

- Jesus PROMISED to give us the Holy Spirit

### ***Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)***

1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

- Jesus' promise is fulfilled at Pentecost

### The Holy Spirit

- Speaks

- Revelation 2:7 (NLT) - "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

- Acts 13:2 (NLT) - One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."

- Intercedes

- Romans 8:26 (NLT) - And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

- Testifies

- John 15:26 (NLT) - "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."

- Leads

- Acts 8:29 (NLT) - The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

- Romans 8:14 (NLT) - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

- Commands

- Acts 16:6-7 (NLT) – (6) Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. (7) Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.

- Guides

- John 16:13 (NLT) - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

- Appoints

- Acts 20:28 (NLT) - “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.”

The Holy Spirit is divine... He is God... He is

- Eternal

- Hebrews 9:14 (NLT) - Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

- Omnipotent

- Luke 1:35 (NLT) - The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

- Omnipresent

- Psalm 139:7 (NLT) - I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

- Omniscient

- 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NLT) – (10) But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. (11) No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.

- Called God

- Acts 5:3-4 (NLT) – (3) Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. (4) The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to

God!”

- The Creator

- Genesis 1:2 (NLT) - The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

- Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT) - (15) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, (16) for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. (17) He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

## **From Creation to Bethlehem**

The Holy Spirit was at work in Creation – He was a part of creating the world. Genesis 2:7 tells us He was a part of creating people; Genesis 1:26 tells us He created them in “our” image (Holy Trinity).

One of Job’s acquaintances said:

***Job 33:4 (NLT)***

For the Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

***Psalms 104:30 (NLT)***

When you give them your breath, life is created, and you renew the face of the earth.

The Hebrew word for breath is *ruah* and it means spirit – when God gives His Spirit, life is created!

- The Holy Spirit gives LIFE

The Holy Spirit was at work in people.

- He came upon

- 2 Chronicles 24:20 (NLT) - Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, “This is what God says: Why do you disobey the LORD’s commands and keep yourselves from prospering? You have abandoned the LORD, and now he has abandoned you!”

- He rested
  - Numbers 11:25 (NLT) - And the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Then he gave the seventy elders the same Spirit that was upon Moses. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But this never happened again.
- He filled
  - Exodus 31:3 (NLT) - I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts.
- He anointed
  - Isaiah 61:1 (NLT) - The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

## **Bethlehem to Pentecost**

From Bethlehem to Pentecost, the Holy Spirit's ministry centered on Jesus.

- Jesus was begotten by the Spirit
  - Luke 1:35 (NLT) - The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.
- Jesus was Baptized by the Spirit
  - John 1:32-34 (NLT) - (32) Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. (33) I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' (34) I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."
- Led by the Spirit
  - Luke 4:1 (NLT) - Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,
- Anointed by the Spirit
  - Luke 4:18 (NLT) - "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,"

- Acts 10:38 (NLT) - And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- Empowered by the Spirit
  - Matthew 12:27-28 (NLT) - (27) And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. (28) But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.
- Offered as an Atonement for Sin by the Spirit
  - Hebrews 9:14 (NLT) - Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- Raised by the Spirit
  - Romans 8:11 (NLT) - The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.
- Gave Commandments by the Spirit
  - Acts 1:2 (NLT) - until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.

Salvation itself involves the Holy Trinity – you are saved by God the Father, through God the Son, and He gives you His Holy Spirit to live inside you from that moment on.

### ***John 14:15-17 (NLT)***

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

### ***John 3:5 (NLT)***

Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God

without being born of water and the Spirit.

## **Pentecost to Now**

Acts 1 – Jesus ascends to heaven

Acts 2 – His Spirit descends to earth

It's Pentecost (penta meaning 5) – it's the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It's the day when the Holy Spirit filled the church (the people, not the building).

*It's the birth of the church and the birth of the Holy Spirit inside the lives of about 3,000 people. It's the birth of a promise that from that moment on, anyone who is saved by the amazing grace of Jesus – they also will receive the Holy Spirit to live inside them!*

—Pastor Chad

### ***John 16:8-11 (NLT)***

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

9 The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me.

10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.

11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

That's what the Holy Spirit does in our life...

- He convicts us of sin (vv8-9)
- He convicts us of God's righteousness (v10)
- He convicts us of the coming judgment (v11)

- The power of the Holy Spirit allows us to restrain EVIL and do GOOD

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit's focus is squarely on the church, the people. He wants to come into your life; He wants to help you; He wants to encourage you; He wants to support you and give you power than you've never experienced before.

## **Upcoming Topics**

- Holy Spirit's relationship with the church
- Being baptized by the Spirit
- Being filled by the Spirit
- Being sealed by the Spirit
- Spiritual fruit vs spiritual gifts
- Identifying your spiritual giftedness