

CALVARY DISTINCTIVES | SERVANT LEADERSHIP CLASS NO. 3

TOPIC: EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

I. The Need for the Holy Spirit | II. The Distinctions of the Holy Spirit | III. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Intro: Jesus said to His disciples, *“The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* (Matt 26:41b). Paul said to the Ephesian Church, *“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might,”* (Eph 6:10). The message is clear; **Man is weak and needs the power of God!** This is why after the resurrection, Jesus emphasized this need to His disciples in (Acts 1:5), *“John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

I. THE NEED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT – Many Christians are _____ of the Holy Spirit’s role in the Church and in our Lives.

A. The Holy Spirit is Needed in the _____ – He is the Third Person of the Trinity and He is the builder of the Church.

1. He _____ the Church (Rom 15:16) – He assures that it remains HOLY. In this passage, the Holy Spirit sanctified *“the gift”* from the Gentiles that it might be acceptable.
2. He also _____ leaders in the Church (Acts 8:29), *“Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.” – Philip was in tune with God’s Spirit and responded accordingly! – Pastor Chuck refers to the Spirit as the ¹“Necessary dynamic for the ministry.”*

B. The Holy Spirit is Needed _____

1. He illuminates the Mind (1 Cor 2:12, 13; Eph 1:16, 17) – Paul prayed that, *the Father of glory, [would] give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”*
2. He _____ the deep things of God (1 Cor 2:10-11) – *“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.**”*

Closing Thought: No matter how new you are in Christ or even how old you are, **you need the Holy Spirit** to reveal the things of God to you. – (John 4:24) tells us that *God is Spirit!*

II. THE DISTINCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – ²*“We believe that there is an experience of the _____ of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer that is distinct and separate from the _____ of the Spirit that takes place at conversion.”* – Those distinctions are clearly defined within scripture and are further identified with **three Greek _____**.

¹ Chuck Smith, Calvary Distinctives pg. 34, 2nd para.

² Chuck Smith, Calvary Distinctives pg. 29, 1st para.

A. The Holy Spirit _____ Man (John 14:16-17d) – “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- 17 “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with you and will be in you.**” {Helper: **Paracletus** = Advocate, Lawyer, Comforter}**

1. The Greek word for “**with**” is _____ – which describes the Holy Spirit with man, coming alongside of him before salvation.
2. The Holy Spirit’s task then is to, “*Convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.*” (John 16:8-11). “*of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*”

B. The Holy Spirit _____ Man (John 14:17d) – “... for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

1. The Greek word for “**in**” is _____, which describes the position of the Holy Spirit AFTER accepting Jesus Christ into your heart. In (John 3:5) Jesus declares, “**Most assuredly I say unto you, unless one is born of the water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**”
2. Upon becoming _____ – _____ the believer’s body becomes “the temple of the Holy Spirit.” (1 Cor. 6:19).

a. This spiritual fact is confirmed in (Rom 8:9b), “**...Now if anyone **DOES NOT HAVE the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**”**

b. Also, we are told that when we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, it is the role of the Holy Spirit to _____ – _____ (Eph 1:13-14). “*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*”

C. The Holy Spirit _____ man (Acts 1:8) – “But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

1. The Greek word for “**upon**” is _____, which describes the **Holy Spirit’s _____ work in one’s life.** Jesus referred to this in (John 7:37-39) where He declared, “*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will Flow Rivers of living water.**” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”*

2. The main purpose for this overflowing power from on high is **for holy living and for** _____. – I like what Pastor Chuck says about this in the book,³ “*Our lives are not just a vessel containing the Spirit, but they become _____ by which the Spirit flows forth to touch the world around us.”*

Closing Thoughts: So then, The Holy Spirit **dwells with** a person prior to conversion, *prompting them accept Christ*. Then the Holy Spirit **enters and lives in a person** once they have accepted Him, *by believing in Jesus Christ*. And finally, a believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit for holy living and ministry within the body of Christ. – **These distinctions bring clarity to the function of the Holy Spirit in the lives of mankind, as He builds His church.**

III. **THE _____ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** – ⁴“*The baptism of the Holy Spirit has been abused, misunderstood, and misapplied in the church and still is, because believers are not good BEREANS.*” (cf. 2 Tim 2:15b)

A. **Is Distinct from the _____** – At Pentecost (**Acts 2:4**), we must understand that the disciples were already Born-Again when they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit there.

1. When were **the disciples** actually Born-Again? (**tt. John 20:22**) This was for ____–_____

2. In (**Gen 2:7**) we are told that **God breathed the breath of life into the nostrils of man**. This was for _____ birth.

3. In (**tt. Acts 8:5, 12, 15**) **the Samaritans** were already Born-Again before they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Peter.

4. **The Apostle Paul** was also Born-Again before he was endowed with this power from on high, (**tt. Acts 9:17-20**) “*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”* (Notice that he _____ Christ! – Notice also that he was water-baptized later)

B. **It is Distinct from _____ Baptism** – (**Matt 3:11**) John the Baptist said, “*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.***

1. **The Samaritans** were baptized in water first, **then** in the Holy Spirit when Peter and John came down. (**Acts 8:15-16**). Interestingly enough, this was **12 years after Pentecost!**

³ Chuck Smith, Calvary Distinctives pg. 32, 1st para.

⁴ Xavier Ries, Basic Foundation for the Christian Faith pg. 39, 2nd column.

2. **The house of Cornelius** was baptized with the Holy Spirit (gift) first (as Peter was preaching), **then** they baptized in water (Acts 10: 44-48)

3. These scriptures basically teach us that the _____ of events is irrelevant, yet **both should be diligently sought after!**

C. It is Distinct from the _____ – Many times, **gifts accompany** the actual baptism, but they are **NOT to be considered** as the actual Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. **At Pentecost** “the gift of tongues” accompanied the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). – Also, at the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:45)

2. **At Ephesus (Acts 19:6)**, both “tongues and prophecy” accompanied H.S. Baptism

- Gifts do not always manifest outwardly at the time of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:28, 30; 14:4-5, 26).

- The only true evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is _____ (1 Cor 13-14:1)

Finally, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit...

D. **Is Distinct for Every Believer**, i.e., _____ by each individual! However, **certain conditions** are necessary!

1. **Peter said that the Baptism requires** _____ (Acts 2:38-39). **“Repent and let every one of you be baptized [water] in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”**

2. **Jesus said that we are to** _____ **for the baptism of the Holy Spirit** and His Father will give it to us freely, (Luke 11:11-13). **“If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 “Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”**

3. At other times, believers have hands laid on them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17, 9:17, 19:6)

4. **The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event**, but a _____ for the believer’s empowerment for service (John 7:37-39; Acts 2:4, 4:8,31)

Closing Thought: Once again, these scriptural references demonstrate Calvary Chapels _____ of being Baptized with the Holy Spirit. **It is clearly distinct from conversion and indwelling!**

- **It does not matter what you call it, but if you are a Christian, then you better have it!**