

## A Life Full of The Holy Spirit

### Preamble

- Imagine the early disciples having Jesus walking with them each and everyday
  - He gave them, direction, hope, miraculous provision
  - He taught them all things - Opened up the scriptures to them
  - What would life have been like to have had Jesus himself as a constant companion?
- The Lord Jesus has made provision for them and for us to live in constant living, abiding communion with the Holy Spirit

### Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **John 14.15-19**

- The Holy Spirit as the gift that Jesus promised
- The Gift the Father sent
- The third person of the Godhead
- Sometimes known as the Spirit of Christ - It is the very real way Jesus is present with his people - John 15 - remain in me - how - through the Holy Spirit

Another - One just like Jesus

Counsellor - (Greek) Parakletos - One called alongside, counsellor, comforter, encourager

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

### John 14:26

- Our teacher
- The Holy Spirit authored the Bible - 2 Peter 1.21
- He reveals and opens up our understanding.

### Holy Spirit God's Precious Gift

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the **Holy Spirit.** **Acts 1.4-5**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **Acts 1:8**

Christianity is the divine power of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, filling a person's soul and body, flashing through his nature like a holy flame, accomplishing the will of God. **John G Lake**

### **Examples of Spirit Empowered living**

- **Jesus** was completely filled with the Holy Spirit
  - The Spirit descended on him in bodily form – Luke 3.22
  - He returned to the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit – Luke 4.1
  - Returned to Galilee in The power of the Holy Spirit – Luke 4.14

Jesus said.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." **Luke 4:18-19**

### **Holy Spirit in Acts**

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: **Acts 15:28**

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. **Acts 16:7**

Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them. **Acts 6:3**

### **Wigglesworth - Praying from heaven**

I remember being one day in Lancashire, and going round to see some sick people. I was taken into a house where there was a young woman lying on a bed, a very helpless case. The reason had gone, and many things were manifested there which were satanic and I knew it.

She was only a young woman, a beautiful child. The husband, quite a young man, came in with the baby, and he leaned over to kiss the wife. The moment he did, she threw herself over on the other side, just as a lunatic would do. That was very heart breaking. Then he took the baby and pressed the baby's lips to the mother. Again another wild kind of thing happened. I asked one who was attending her, "Have you anybody to help?" "Oh," they said, "We have tried everything." "But," I said, "have you no spiritual help?"

Her husband stormed out saying, "Help? You think that we believe in God, after we have had seven weeks of no sleep and maniac conditions."

That brought me to a place of compassion for the woman. Something had to be done, no matter what it was. Then with all my faith I began to penetrate the heavens, and I was soon out of that house, I will tell you, for I never saw a man get anything from God who prayed on the earth. If you get anything from God, you will have to pray into heaven; for it is all there. If you are living in the earth realm and expect things from heaven, they will never come. And as I saw, in the presence of God, the limitations of my faith, there came another faith, a faith that could not be denied, a faith that took the promise, a faith that believed God's Word. And from that presence, I came back again to earth, but not the same man. God gave me a faith that could shake hell and anything else. I said, "Come out of her, in the name of Jesus!" And she rolled over and fell asleep and wakened in fourteen hours perfectly sane and perfectly whole.

We have access to an unbelievable relationship with Father and Jesus, through the Holy Spirit.

Where does our power come from?  
How are we enabled?

### **Thirsty? - Co**

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." [11] "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? [12] Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" [13] Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, [14] but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **John 4:10-14**

- Jesus must be asked
- Jesus is the one who baptises in the Holy Spirit

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." **John 7:37-38**

- Anyone thirsty
- Come to Christ
- And drink

The life of the Christian without the indwelling power of the Spirit in the heart is a weariness to the flesh. It is an obedience to commandments and an endeavour to walk according to a pattern which you have not power to follow. But, bless God, the Christian life that is lived by, the impulse of the Spirit of Christ within your soul becomes a joy, a power, and a glory. **John G Lake**

- The Holy Spirit Reveals Christ to us
- The Holy Spirit reveals Christ in us
- The Holy Spirit manifests Christ through us
- The Holy Spirit brings us into union with Christ

### **Application**

1. **Be Filled** with the Spirit - Baptism in the Spirit - Acts 1.8

Remember being filled with the Spirit is not a one off experience. Peter was filled with the Spirit 3 times in the space of Chapters 2-4 (Acts).

When Paul says, 'Be filled with the Spirit' – Eph 5.18. He uses the present continuous tense, urging them and us to go on being filled with the Spirit.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. **Ephesians 5.18**

2. **Walk in the Spirit** - Making Holy Spirit choices each day

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5.25**

- Walking in the light
- Holy, clean, pure
- With integrity

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **Romans 8:5**

- Mind set on what the Holy Spirit desires

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **Romans 8:6**

- Mind governed or ruled by the Holy Spirit

3. **Led by the spirit** - Follow the spirits leadership, watchful to the Holy Spirit's promptings and leadings, Thoughts, words and deeds. Quiet yourself and be aware of the Spirit's promptings

because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

### **Romans 8.14**

- This is daily and constant
- What we say, what we do, where we go

#### **4. Living in the Spirit - Empowered by the Spirit's life**

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. **Romans 8.11**

- Living in the Spirit is to be empowered by the Spirit's life as we are fed by the Spirit's food.
- Feed your spirit on the Word and it will release the impulse or quickening of the Spirit
- This will give you little incremental quickening!!
- It matters how much time in our day we give to feeding our spirit.
- Direct correlation between feeding and power!!
- 'One who has an under nourished spirit will walk in lust - pride, anger and yes the sexual lust' - Mike Bickle

### **Conclusion**

Not just correct theology but dynamic living adventurous relationship!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **2 Corinthians 13:14**

There are two sides to this Baptism: the first is, that you possess the Spirit; the second is that the Spirit possesses you. This is my message at this time--being possessed by the Baptiser, and not merely possessing the Baptiser. There is no limit to the possibilities of such a life, because it has God behind it, in the midst of it, and through it. I see people from time to time very slack, cold, and indifferent; but after they get filled with the Holy Spirit they become ablaze for God. I believe that God's ministers are to be flames of fire; nothing less than flames; nothing less than mighty instruments with burning messages, with a heart full of love, with such a depth of consecration that God has taken full charge of the body and it exists only that it may manifest the glory of God. Surely, this is the ideal and the purpose of this great plan of salvation for man--that we might be filled with all the fullness of God, and become ministers of life, God working mightily in us and through us to manifest His grace--the saving power of humanity. **Smith Wigglesworth**

John answered them all, I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Luke 3.16**

