

## Lesson 3, Part 2: God's Resources for Growth, The Holy Spirit and Prayer

### Introduction:

#### I. What does the Holy Spirit do?

##### A. The Spirit cooperates with God the Father and God the Son

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:1-3; Ps 104:24, 30)
2. He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to every creature (Gen 6:3; Job 33:4; Rom 8:11)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ divine revelation (2 Sam 23:2-3; 2 Pet 1:21; 1 Pet 1:11)

##### B. The Spirit is actively involved in the redemption of believers

1. The Spirit's (*monergistic*) role in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ezek 36:24-27; John 1:12, 3:3, 5-6; Jas 1:18)
  - b. A sovereign act of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:3-7, 6:63; 2 Cor 3:6) where believers receive:
    - 1) Intellectual illumination (1 John 2:20, 27; cf. Jer 31:33)
    - 2) Freedom from sin's dominating power (Rom 6:5-14)

- 3) Complete cleansing of the heart (Ezek 36:25-27; 1 Cor 6:11; Titus 3:5)
- 4) Instant baptism. (Matt 3:11; Luke 3:16; 1 Cor 12:13; Rom 6:1-4).
- 5) Instant indwelling. (John 7:37-39; Rom 8:9-11)
- 6) Instant sealing. (Eph 1:13, 4:30; cf. also 2 Cor 1:22, 5:5)

2. The Spirit's role in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. He empowers the church/believer to proclaim the gospel (Acts 1:8; 4:8; 31; 6:10)
- b. He speaks in the Word of God to the church/believer (Eph 6:17; Heb 3:7)
- c. He speaks to God with and for the church/believer (Rom 8:26; Eph 2:18)
- d. He gives spiritual gifts to equip the church/believer for ministry (1 Cor 12:7)
- e. He assures the church/believer of our adoption as children of God (Rom 8:16)
- f. He produces fruit within the church/believer (Gal 5:22-23)
- g. He grants freedom to the church/believer (2 Cor 3:17)
- h. He progressively transforms the church/believer (2 Cor 3:18)
- i. He convicts believers (and unbelievers) of sin (John 16:8-11)
- j. He helps mortify sin within the church/believer (Rom 7:6, 8:13)
- k. He teaches the truth to the church/believers (John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13)
- l. He unifies the church/believers (1 Cor 12:7, 11, 13; 2 Cor 13:14; Gal 5:18-20)
- m. He comforts the church/believers (John 14:16, 15:26, 16:7; Acts 9:31)
- n. He gives hope to the church/believers (Rom 15:13; Gal 5:5)
- o. He pours love into our hearts (Rom 5:5; 15:30; Col 1:8)
- p. He gives joy to the church/believers (Acts 13:52; Rom 14:17; Gal 5:22)

**C. Why is this helpful?**

## **II. How does the Holy Spirit Guide Christians?**

**A. Being “\_\_\_\_\_” by the Spirit (Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18)**

**B. “\_\_\_\_\_” according to the Spirit (Rom 8:4; Gal 5:16)**

**C. Being “\_\_\_\_\_” with the Spirit (Eph 5:18; cf. *also* Col 3:16)**

1. What being filled with the Spirit is not:

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ after salvation.
- b. A reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 8:9)
- c. A process of receiving more of Him over time. (John 3:34)

2. What being filled with the Spirit is:

- a. Under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.
- b. Producing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

**D. He guides through \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-15)**

**E. He guides through \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **III. Prayer**

#### **A. Prayer is a two-way street**

1. An opportunity for Him:
  - a. To draw near to you (Ps 145:18 – the Lord is near to all who call on Him...)
  - b. To bless you (Luke 11:5-13 – What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?)
  - c. To guide your head, heart, and hands
2. An opportunity for you:
  - a. To glorify Him
  - b. To submit to Him
  - c. To request His help

#### **B. How do I grow in my prayer life?**

1. Prioritize it
2. Focus on sincerity over elegance
3. Make a (realistic) plan
  - a. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)
  - b. Repurpose to utilize songs as prayers
  - c. Pray the Bible (cf. *Praying the Bible*, by Donald Whitney)