



The Promise of the Spirit

Part 6

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Today is Pentecost Sunday and it is the day that we celebrate the Birth of the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Over the past few months the Preaching Pastors here at The Assembly have strove to take us all deeper in our faith as well as in our understanding of the Biblical Text concerning the Holy Spirit. My goal today is to outline three specific arenas that the Holy Spirit functions in to directly impact our personal lives as well as the lives of others.

Therefore it is my intention today to focus on Three Primary Arenas of the Work of the Holy Spirit; specifically, the Work of the

Holy Spirit within our lives as individuals, The Work of the Holy Spirit Through Us to Impact Others, and The Work of the Holy Spirit within our Worship. So Point Number 1...

1) The Work of the Holy Spirit within the Lives of Individuals

a. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit makes me a better me; it does not make me better than you.

i. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not about elevation in stature but rather a readjustment of our posture.

ii. The Gospel of Saint Mark 9:33-35, “³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.””

iii. Jesus made it clear in this passage of Scripture that to be the greatest in the Kingdom then we must be servant of all, and this includes serving others in our gifts as well. Thus it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to serve others; not just prophecy or speak in tongues in a vain attempt to impress others.

iv. Again, it is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that makes you a better you; it makes me a better me. it does not make me better than you and vice versa. The Holy Spirit was given to enable us to all be more like Christ in every way!

- v. We are all a work in progress! Come on somebody! But if Progress is to be had, we must see the value of divine correction.

b. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit brings correction to me; it does not condemn me.

- i. Holy Ghost conviction is not condemnation; it is divine correction urging us to be divinely aligned with the Will of the Father. Often, I have found those whom are rebuking the Devil when in actuality it is not the Devil condemning you but rather it is the Holy Spirit that is convicting you.
- ii. And because we lack spiritual maturity we are “rebuking” the correction of God in our lives; thus we have to be in line with the Holy Spirit to discern the meaning of the Voice. Not everything is the Will of God and yet everything is not the attack of the Devil either and we must be discerning enough to see the difference.
- iii. But when we refuse to take instruction and receive correction from the Holy Spirit then we will be broken beyond repair. Notice the words penned in Proverbs 29:1.
- iv. Proverbs 29:1, “He who is often reprov'd, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing.”
- v. If you get a check in your spirit man then you need to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Conviction is not destructive but rather a course correction!
- vi. Could it be that we wreck our lives when we fail to course correct because we are rebuking the “spirit of condemnation” when in actuality, we are rebuking the Spirit of God.

- vii. Conviction has become an expletive among modern church circles these days but conviction is a sign of His Grace because He cares enough to correct you. Note the words penned by King Solomon in Proverbs 3.
- viii. Proverbs 3:11-12, “My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”
- ix. Conviction and Condemnation are two separate things and we must stop confusing the two. Conviction is Heaven's Help; Condemnation is Hell's attempt at Sabotage.
- x. Remember that it is the Holy Spirit that brings correction to me; He does not condemn me.

c. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit causes me to be conformed into the image of Jesus; it does not make me legalistic.

- i. I've had people accuse me of being religious, or legalistic, or too conservative in my thinking as it pertains to the things of God.
- ii. However, my issue is that we want power without standard, anointing without devotion, and the Gifts of the Spirit without a burden of souls.
- iii. Mark 1:21-22, “²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.”

- iv. If Jesus preached with the Power and the Authority of the Holy Spirit all the while having a standard to His life and ministry then so should we.
- v. If Jesus walked in the anointing of the Holy Ghost all the while having a devotion to the things of God then so should we.
- vi. And if Jesus said that we would speak in new tongues and cast out devils and tread upon the lion and the adder but if we do not care for those to whom we are ministering too then we are seeking to build a cult and not the Kingdom!
- vii. As Evangelist Christopher Alam says, “To be Spirit Filled is not about “how much of the Holy Spirit I have”. It is rather about “how much of a me does the Holy Spirit have?”
- viii. Church family, it is not about how much I have of Him but rather how much does He have of me!
- ix. I may have His Gifts but does He have my mind, my marriage, my heart! We boast that we want more of God but are we willing to give Him more of ourselves?
- x. But not only does the Holy Spirit work within our individual lives... Point #2...

2) The Work of the Holy Spirit through Us to impact Others

- a. The Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives should cause us to see value in those around us.

- i. Your impact on others is not measured by your prestige but rather by your ability, by His Spirit, to restore others.
- ii. Dear Friends, it is not about a title. We think a Title gives us the Anointing when it is the Anointing that makes room and brings about the Title; for the Function of the Christian. Regrettably, we are in a day and hour where everyone is consumed with Titles and Prestige. Everyone wants a seat of power but now ones wants the burden and accountability that comes with said power.
- iii. And it is this Achilles Heel, if you will, that causes me to be reminded of a unique notation found in the Book of the Revelation, penned by the hand of The Apostle John, while on the Isle of Patmos found in Revelation 2:20, “But, I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.”
- iv. Jezebel called herself a prophetess, when she was a witch. Your title means nothing at all if you function like the Devil.
- v. Jezebel was consumed with her same claimed title and allowed this self-absorption to consume those around her to be drawn into vileness and wickedness; and this was happening within the confines of the local church. Jezebel saw now value in the lives she was destroying because it was all about a lust for power and influence which ultimately spelled her demise.

- vi. Listen dear Hearts, may we never be found guilty of such deeds. The work of the Holy Ghost should cause us to see the value in those around us and to use the Gifts and the Anointings of Christ upon His Church to heal and mend the brokenness of humanity around us.
- vii. The Holy Ghost will cause you to be able to love people whom in your flesh would be impossible to love.
- viii. The Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives should cause us to see value in those around us!

b. The Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives should cause us to bring healing to those around us.

- i. Your impact upon others is not measured by your work IN the church but rather by your work AS the church.
- ii. Galatians 6:1-2, “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
- iii. If we are truly spiritual, then our spirituality is proven not by the Gifts that we bring but rather by the Lives that we Restore.
- iv. It is the Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that causes us to bring healing to those around us.
- v. And if we intend on healing our Nation, it has to begin with our healing as a Church.

c. The Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives should cause us to reach those who are around us.

- i. Your impact upon others is not measured by your words but by your deeds.
- ii. My actions will always speak louder and have longer lasting effects than any sermon I will ever preach.
- iii. Jesus said to let your light shine before men in so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.
- iv. Your deeds will cause others to encounter a touch from Heaven. And Lastly...

3) The Work of the Holy Spirit within our Worship

a. The Move of the Holy Spirit in our lives will cause us to engage in worship!

- i. You can't engage God in worship and not expect Him to engage you in return.
- ii. In 1 Samuel 10, Saul was found prophesying with the Sons of the Prophets and there were those who asked, concerning Saul, is Saul one of the Sons of the Prophets?
- iii. Notice that Saul engaged and the Spirit manifested mightily through him because the encounter was a two way street!
- iv. Hence the why Worship is so powerful! Because you can't engage with the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost not manifest mightily through you.

b. The Move of the Holy Spirit in our lives will cause us to humble ourselves in Worship!

- i. You can't have a supernatural experience in His presence and not be humbled by your inadequacies.
- ii. Isaiah asked to be cleansed when He was overcome by the majesty of the Presence of God.
- iii. Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. How can you magnify a God who holds the universe in the Palm of His Hands? You can't. It's not that you are making God bigger but that your perception of Him becomes bigger. And the bigger your perception becomes of Him the more you will have to come to terms with the reality of just how small you are.

c. The move of the Holy Spirit in my life through Worship causes me to know who I am.

- i. You can't tell God who He is and not expect him to tell you who you are.
- ii. Our identity in Christ, our purpose in the Kingdom, and our abilities to make the Kingdom manifest in the Earth is predicated upon one thing: The Baptism in the Holy Ghost. And it is my heart's purest desire that all of us have an encounter today with the Holy Spirit.

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