

## Who is the Holy Spirit?

Stand Read Like 24:44-49 Pray

I thought it good to prepare a message for you before we went to Tennessee and what was on my heart was many misconceptions there are of the person and the work of The Holy Spirit. This study is not in any way exhaustive, but I think will help us move forward as a Church and be able to operate in the power that He has for us.

The first thing we need to point out is that ALL our theology comes from this book. I am not going to be referring to Chuck Smith, Wayne Gruden, R.A. Torrey, or any of the others who have done extensive work on this subject. We are Calvary Solid Ground, and our motto is “Standing on the Solid ground of God’s word” As the Pastor and leader of this church I need to show you that you can trust this book. It is all you need. This is what God have provided for you to know Him and to relate with Him. I will be criticized for that. Why? Because they say it’s reckless and if they just read the bible, they might come up with all kinds of different thoughts. They say they need the experts, the confessions of old. You can’t trust them to find it without them. Well let’s put that to the test on what many people and the church, I believe, are missing out on and that is the Person and the work of the Holy Spirit.

First, The Holy Spirit is God!

Now, I am not going to get into a big explanation of the Trinity. But we do need to remember something about it. All \* three are God and all three are one. That means they all have the same nature and do not and will not contradict each other. Two verses to consider.

Genesis 1:28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear (Shema) , O Israel: The LORD our God (Elohim=God Plural) , the LORD is one (Ehad=compound unity)!

So, this means He is \* Omnipresent, Omniscience, and Omnipotent

One more proof text is from Acts 5...

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?... You have not lied to men but to God."

The Holy Spirit is a person.

John 14:15-18

If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 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. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The use of the personal pronoun in the original language is reserved only for people. Jesus' statement here is telling them that He is sending "Someone" to them after He leaves to go to Heaven. He is trying to cheer them up. This is good news! So that means if He is God and He is a person than that means...

The Holy Spirit is Relatable

The Personal Work of The Holy Spirit

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

John 15:26-27

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:5-15

“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

We know we can grieve Him too.

Ephesians 4:30 (Resist, Disobey)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

We can also quench Him too...

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (Ignore or grow complacent)

Do not quench the Spirit.

So, what \* about our Relationship with Him?

He was promised to us

Acts 1:4-5

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Now we will talk about that in a minute but it is not what you think it is or what you have heard that it is. But in Acts 2 we see the first evidence of His work.

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We read that you and I received the Holy Spirit when we believed.

John 14:17

...for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Here are a few verses that prove that...

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Ephesians 1:13

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.

2 Corinthians 2:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

What is the purpose?

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.

So, what is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The first thing you need to get out of your mind is the relationship to be baptized in water. This has nothing to do with that and it is not the same thing. When Paul said in Ephesians...

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

This referring to our water baptism and not the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This has to do with your salvation and the fact that it is secure. I know a lot of people use this as their proof text that there is no such thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The problem with that thought is that the Bible tells us that we will be Baptized in the Holy Spirit at the time of Salvation and water baptism come at a different time so no matter how you look at it is two different events.

To understand what it means we need to understand the word Baptism and how it is used in the original language.

Baptism=Baptizo

To Immerse, Submerge, To Overwhelm, Saturate

It is still used in modern Greek for someone “Overwhelmed with Emotion”. We see it used by Jesus this way...

Used as suffering.

Mark 10:35-40

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

37 They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

39 They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.”

Used for washing hands

Mark 7:4

When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash.

So, what \* does it mean?

The Holy Spirit is God that lives in you and wants a relationship with you. Like any relationship it takes two to make it work. Any person who has walked with the Lord for any length of time knows that we have ignored the Spirit, grieved the Spirit, and sometimes just told Him no. But there are other times where we are at one with Him. Letting Him speak to you, learning from Him and even letting Him flow out of you. This is not a one-time act that happens at a certain time that we look back on. Some try to make it that way, but we see several times in Acts were it says...

Acts 4:31



And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Jesus explained it this way...

John 7:37-39

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.

Paul said something very revealing in Ephesians 5:17-20

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

The contrast is great! You can drink and get drunk and it wears off and gives you a hangover but to continue to be filled \* with the Spirit that never goes away or wears off!

Now I don't have time to get into the gifts of the Spirit and what they mean but just to say everyone has one. I don't want to get

into the argument about whether they are for today or not because the Bible does not say some are and some are not. The two sides can argue that out all I know if God has a gift for me, I want it and I want to use it for...

1 Corinthians 14:12

Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

I don't speak in tongues; God did not give me that gift so I can't say anything about it. I know what the Bible says about it, and I don't think it is relevant so much anymore as we have no communication breakdown anymore. But all the other gifts we need for sure and to say any of them are not something we need is ridicules.

This was best summed up by Paul in...

1 Corinthians 12:31

But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

That way is Love!

Romans 12:3-9

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we,

being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy.

Let us all be filled with the Spirit and evidenced in our love for one another. With that the holy Spirit will empower you for the work He has called us to.

But are you filled? First, you have to be emptied and to do that you have to see your emptiness.

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