

The Holy Spirit - Week 1

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The Holy Spirit is a person (encourages, warns, teaches).

He is the third Person in the Godhead, the Trinity.

The power of the Holy Spirit is for real life change, not just momentary goose bumps in a church service and sensationalism.

The purpose and power of the Holy Spirit is for fruit production, not just goosebumps and funny feelings.

All the strange, controversial, and negative stereotypes of the Holy Spirit rob us of a relationship with the Him, which as a result seriously limits our ability and God's ability to fulfill His plan for our life.

Acts 1:4 (NKJV)

4 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;

John 14:16-17 (NKJV)

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.

Paraklētos-- advocate, comforter, helper, a legal advocate who makes the right judgment-call because close enough to the situation

Acts 1:5-8 (NKJV)

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 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."

Dunamis: might, power, marvelous works (a) physical power, force, might, ability, efficacy, energy, power to perform deeds showing (physical) power; having the ability to perform, power to achieve by applying the Lord's inherent abilities. "Power through God's ability"

Romans 8:3-4 (NIV)

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Matthew 5,6 & 7—The Sermon on the Mount—“your Father” mentioned 16 times.

This is a time of transition from how people see God to how God wants to be seen

What Jesus did on the cross made it possible to move from rules to relationship.

Access to God meant perfection (weakness of the flesh/satisfying the requirements of the law).

The work of the Holy Spirit was drastically limited before Jesus death—Satisfied the Law.

With the requirements of the law satisfied, sinners can now become sons.

We now are united in one spirit with God (the Holy Spirit now lives in our spirit).

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Romans 8:12-15 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (those who follow the leading of the Holy Spirit).

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear (fear of death because you were fully aware that you could not satisfy the requirements of the law), but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” Abba means Daddy!

This thinking was so foreign to how everyone perceived God.

Almighty, Most High, Master, Jehovah, Shepherd, Healer, Sanctifier, Provider vs. Daddy

Matthew 13:10-11,16 (NKJV) 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

1 Peter 1:10-12 (NKJV) 10 Of this salvation (the gospel preached to you) the prophets have inquired and searched carefully...even angels desired to look into.

1 Corinthians 2:7-14 (NKJV)

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 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. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV)

25 I have become [the church's] servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The Holy Spirit gives us access to all that God has and is.

This is why Jesus had to make it possible for the Holy Spirit to have access to our spirits.

John 16:5-7 (NKJV)

5 “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.

This was God's plan all along; that He could reside in us just as it resided in Jesus.

John 14:23 (NKJV)

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him—SET UP CAMP!