

Holy Spirit - Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. One should not be afraid of this subject.
- B. Instead one should be familiar with the biblical passages on this.
- C. Do three things.
 - 1. Keep calm, cool and steady. (2 Timothy 4:5)
 - 2. Search the Word with openness. (Acts 17:11)
 - 3. Do whatever God says unto you. (John 2:5)

II. The need for the Holy Spirit.

- A. The Holy Spirit is related to Christ.
- B. He was prophesied about.
- C. He accomplished the Incarnation and the Virgin Birth.
- D. Christ was full of Him and anointed by Him.
- E. He led Jesus into the Wilderness to be tempted and Jesus returned by His power.
- F. Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit.
- G. He was raised by the Spirit.
- H. People were baptized by the Spirit.
- I. Jesus died so that we could receive the Spirit.
- J. The Spirit of Christ is synonymous with the Holy Spirit.
- K. We were regenerated and sealed by the Spirit. The Spirit is God's pledge to our security. (Titus 3:5, Ephesians 1)
- L. We have been baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12)
- M. Every believer is indwelt by the Spirit at the time of conversion. (Romans 8:9)
- N. The spirit gives the believer security. (Romans 8:16)
- O. He guides unto all truth, molds character, sends into service, gives gifts and empowers for service.

P. From the beginning to the end, the need for the Spirit is in everything.

III. Who the Holy Spirit is.

A. He is God. (John 4:24)

B. He is a Person.

C. He is the Third Person of the Trinity.

1. There is a Tri-unity.

2. The Spirit is Jesus other self coming to us in the Person of the Spirit. (John 14:16-17, John 16:7)

IV. What does it mean to be filled by the Holy Spirit?

A. Text: Ephesians 5:18.

B. There is a fullness in the Spirit that is greater than that experienced at salvation.

C. It means to be controlled by the Spirit.

1. This does not mean that we have more of the Person of the Spirit inside of us.

2. This means the Spirit has more control of us.

D. It is a continual thing. (Acts 4:31)

E. Questions: Are you filled by the Spirit? Do you want to be filled?

1. Most Christians do not want to be filled because of what they will look like.

2. Many think that this is to be like a “sissy.”

3. Are we willing to pay the price of being Spirit filled?

F. The conditions of being Spirit filled.

1. Confession.

2. Obedience.

3. Faith.

V. What does it mean to grieve not the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 4:32-33)

A. This means not to hurt the Holy Spirit.

B. Adultery, immorality and other things hurt the Spirit.

C. Anger is the vice of the virtuous. This grieves the Spirit. (Luke 15, Hebrews 12:13)

D. Bitterness, evil speaking, malice and an unforgiving spirit all grieve Him.

E. We are to have a conscience void of offense towards God and man.

VI. What does it mean to not quench the Holy Spirit? (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

A. This means not to subdue the Holy Spirit or resist Him.

B. This requires obedience and faith.

VII. What does it mean to walk by the Spirit? (Galatians 5)

A. This means to trust the Holy Spirit and depend upon Him.

B. One begins by faith and continues by faith. (Colossians 3:6)

C. How do we put faith in God? God is at work in a person, and he can count on it as a fact. We walk by faith dependent upon Him regardless of feelings. (Philippians 2:13)

D. The results.

1. The results will be an increasing appreciation and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The ministry of the Spirit is to magnify Christ, so you can talk about the Spirit too much but not Christ.

2. There will be the fruit of the Spirit - character.

3. There will be a renewed personality.

4. Many of these results will be gradual not immediate at conversion. It is a growing thing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

Application questions

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? Why is a proper knowledge of Him important to understand what He does?

2. What major themes did you see weaved throughout the major commands to relate to the Holy Spirit?

3. What stood out to you the most about this message? What will you do to get right with the Spirit of God today?
