

Lesson 12
The Holy Spirit - Part II

Review

1. The Holy Spirit is the THIRD PERSON of the Godhead.
2. In the Old Testament He CAME UPON men; in the New Testament He INDWELLS men and women who are BELIEVERS.
3. The Holy Spirit is the POWER behind the telling of the GOSPEL MESSAGE. Acts 1:8
4. The Holy Spirit is not GREATER, He is LATER than Christ. He is the ASCENSION GIFT of Christ. John 16:7
5. The Holy Spirit is the TEACHER of ALL TRUTH. John 14:26
6. He TESTIFIES of Christ and doesn't SPEAK OF HIMSELF. He GLORIFIES Christ. John 16:13&14; John 14:26; John 15:26
7. There are 262 passages in the New Testament which mention the Spirit.
 - a. 24 of the 27 books mention Him.
 - b. PHILEMON, II and III JOHN exclude mention of Him.
 - c. The Gospels mention Him 56 times.
 - d. Acts - 57 times.
 - e. Paul's epistles - 113 times.
 - f. The general epistles and Revelation - 36 times.
8. All total in both testaments there are 350 references to the Holy Spirit.
9. The first specific teachings about the Holy Spirit were given by CHRIST HIMSELF prior to His coming at PENTECOST.
 - a. Jesus was LED BY the Spirit. Matthew 4:1
 - b. Jesus was TAUGHT BY the Spirit. Luke 3:18; John 3:34
 - c. Jesus taught that the Spirit spoke in Old Testament and that He CAUSED it to be written. Matthew 22:43&44
 - d. The Holy Spirit GIVES LIFE. John 6:63
 - e. Jesus INCLUDED the Holy Spirit when He gave the pattern for WATER BAPTISM. Matthew 28:19
 - f. Jesus promised us the WORDS we say in certain situations would be GIVEN US by the Spirit. Mark 13:11
 - g. Jesus taught that the Spirit would GLORIFY HIM. John 16:14

Special Notation

The names of the HOLY SPIRIT in the New Testament.

1. Names expressing His relationship to the Father.

- a. "The Spirit of God" Matthew 3:16
- b. "The Spirit of the Lord" Luke 4:18 In Acts 5:9 and 8:39 the expression "Lord" may refer to Christ.
- c. "The Spirit of our God" 1 Corinthians 6:11
- d. "The Spirit of the living God" 2 Corinthians 3:3
- e. "The Spirit of your Father" Matthew 10:20
- f. "The Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of God" 1 Peter 4:14
- g. "The Promise of the Father" Acts 1:4

2. Names expressing His relationship to the Son.

- a. "The Spirit of Christ" Romans 8:9
- b. "The Spirit of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:9
- c. "Spirit of Jesus" Acts 16:7
- d. "The Spirit of His (God's) Son" Galatians 4:6
- e. "Another Comforter" (Paraclete) John 14:16

3. Names expressing His own essential Deity.

- a. "One Spirit" Ephesians 4:4
- b. "Seven Spirits" (the complete perfect Spirit) Revelation 1:4; 3:1
- c. "The Lord the Spirit" 2 Corinthians 3:18
- d. "The Eternal Spirit" Hebrews 9:14

4. Names expressing the gifts which He bestows.

- a. "The Spirit of Life" Romans 8:2; Revelation 11:11
- b. "The Spirit of Holiness" Romans 1:4
- c. "The Spirit of Wisdom" Ephesians 1:17
- d. "The Spirit of Faith" 2 Corinthians 4:13
- e. "The Spirit of Truth" John 14:17; 16:13
- f. "The Spirit of Grace" Hebrews 10:29
- g. "The Spirit of Adoption" Romans 8:15
- h. "The Spirit of Power, Love and Sound Mind" 2 Timothy 1:7

This variety of names tell us something of His deity, His power, His influence, His ministry among us and in us, His Person.

10. Jesus spent His time on earth seeking to GLORIFY THE FATHER. In the same way the Spirit seeks to GLORIFY THE SON.
11. The Holy Spirit is at work IN THE CHURCH, the body of Christ and has been from its BEGINNING. Acts 1:5
12. When the Holy Spirit DESCENDED, He dwelled in the hearts of believers and they became a unified, spiritual, ORGANISM with Christ as its HEAD. Ephesians 1:22 & 23.

Special Notation

The church is not an ORGANIZATION it is an ORGANISM (a living thing) with a body of which you and I are a part, all functioning under the Head of the body, Jesus Christ, by the power of His Holy Spirit working through us. We become a part of that body at the time we accept Christ as Lord and Savior. 1 Corinthians 12:13

13. When we receive Christ into our life we are SEALED by the Spirit. Ephesians 1:13&14

Special Notation

The fact that the Holy Spirit is living and working in us is a guarantee that we are believers in Christ and that ultimately we will join Jesus Christ in Heaven. His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16

14. The ultimate result of the coming of the Spirit of God in the early church was EVANGELISM. Acts 2:41; 4:4; Chapters 8, 9 and 10 and throughout the book of Acts.
15. The work of evangelism, according to Acts 1:8, was based on PRIORITIES and sets an EXAMPLE for us to follow.
16. The Holy Spirit ABIDES with us FOREVER. John 14:16
17. Four characteristics of the Spirit are as follows:
 - a. He can THINK. Acts 15:28 and 1 Corinthians 2:10 & 11
 - b. He has a WILL and can make CHOICES. 1 Corinthians 12:11
 - c. He can FEEL. Ephesians 4:30
 - d. He can ACT. Acts 1:16; Hebrews 10:15-17
18. The Holy Spirit CONVICTS of sin and is the INSTRUMENT of our salvation. Titus 3:5&6 and 1 Thessalonians 1:5
19. The Spirit is the TEACHER OF TRUTH. John 14:16; Romans 8:14
20. The Holy Spirit is the RESULT of receiving Christ by FAITH. Galatians 3:2; John 3:6&7

Conclusion

The importance of the Holy Spirit is expressed in the many times His name is found in Scripture - 262 times in the New Testament and 88 times in the Old Testament. Jesus taught before Pentecost about the Holy Spirit and His work in all who believe. All of the fundamental truths concerning the Holy Spirit were given by our Lord. Jesus knew He would have to ascend in order for the Spirit to come.

The Holy Spirit is one of the most important subjects in Scripture - yet He is used and abused more than any other subject. Why? Because of misunderstanding and little study.