

THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Who He Is - The Spirit of God – John 14:15-23

1. The Spirit of Jesus -Acts 16:7

- a. Not different from Him

B. What He Does

1. Inspire

- a. Gives Ideas & Guidance - Acts 16:6-10

- b. Gives Understanding – (*Jn 14:25*)

2. Empowers

- a. Gifts of the Holy Spirit - I Cor 12:4-11

- i. Equip for evangelism -Acts 1:8

- ii. Building up of the saints- (*I Cor 14:3, 12, 26*)

3. Resurrects - Eph 2:1-6, Col 2:13, Col 3:1

4. Glorifies Jesus – Jn 15:26, Jn 14:26

5. Guides us into God's Will

- a. Many avenues of speaking and guiding (See Below)

6. Makes us Whole -2 Tim 1:7 RSV, Rom 8:15

7. Gives Life

- a. Not the spirit of the world, but of God - I Jn 2: 15-17, Jas 3:13-18

- b. Not evil, or malevolent, or of magic or money. (*Acts 8:9-24*)

C. How He Speaks

1. Bible quickened - I Cor 2:12-14, Luke 24: 4-45

2. Direct word - Gen 15:4, I Sam 15:10, I Kings 6:11

3. Vision - Acts 11:4-6

4. Dream - Mat 2:13-15

5. Prophecy - Acts 2:17-18

a. But test and weigh prophecies like any other word – I Jn 4:1, I Cor 14:29
I Thess 5:21

b. No ongoing revelation (*Gal 1:8-9*)

c. The Spirit subject to control of the Prophets (*I Cor 14:32*)

i. Hence danger of misuse or error.

ii. A pure heart will help insure a pure word. (*Heb 12:15*)

6. Tongues and Interpretation - I Cor 14:4-5, 12-13

7. Pastors, Teachers, etc.- Eph 4:11-13, I Cor 1:21, Heb 13:17

D. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. Distinction between receiving the H.S. and being baptized in H.S.
John 20:21-22, Acts 1:4-5

2. The Apostles' Experience - Acts 2: 1-21, 36-47

3. The life and power of God bringing the Kingdom of God to this world.

4. How to be baptized in the Holy Spirit

a. Pray until the answer comes.

E. The Balance

1. The Word and the Spirit (*Mat 28:19 vs Acts 16:6-10*)

a. The Spirit testifies to the Word. (*Jn 15:26, Jn 1:1, 14*)

b. Does not contradict or replace (*Gal 1:8-9*)

c. Inspires us and empowers us to do things taught by the word (*Acts 1:8*)

d. Be people of the Word and the Spirit.