

HOLY SPIRIT - I

"Person and Work of the Holy Spirit"

I. PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Should never be considered merely a blessing, a feeling, or an influence
- B. Part of the godhead
 - 1. Mt. 3:16-17 - *"...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove..."*
 - 2. John 14:16 - *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever..."*
 - 3. II Cor. 13:14 - *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*
 - 4. *"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost..."* (Mat 28:19).
 - 5. Acts 10:38 - *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."*
- C. Holy Spirit possesses Godlike attributes
 - 1. Eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14) - *"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"*
 - 2. Omnipresent (Ps. 139:7) - *"Whither shall I go from thy spirit?"*
 - 3. Omnipotent (Luke 1:37) - *"All things are possible to God..."*
 - 4. Omniscient (I Cor. 2:10) - *"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit"*
- D. Personality of the Holy Spirit (mind, will, emotion)
 - 1. He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit (Rom 8:27).
 - 2. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man as He will (1 Cor 12:11).
 - 3. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God (Eph 4:30).
 - 4. But they rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit (Is 63:10).
 - 5. Can be grieved, insulted, lied to, blasphemed, resisted, tempted, quenched.
 - Lie (Ac 5:3).
 - Blaspheme (Mark 3:29).
 - Resist (Acts 7:51).
 - Tempt (Acts 5:9).
 - Quench (1 Thes 5:19).

II. WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Moses.

1. Lord took spirit upon Moses put upon 70 and they prophesied (Num 11:25).
 2. Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them (Num 11:29).
- B. Prophecy of Spirit upon Messiah
1. *"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him..." (Is 11:1).*
 2. *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: bind up brokenhearted; proclaim liberty to the captive; opening of the prison to them that are bound." (Luk 4:18).*
- C. *"I will pour my spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17).*

III. WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- A. In life of Jesus
1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit
 2. Filled with the fullness of the Spirit (Joh 3:34).
 3. Led by the Spirit into the wilderness (Luk 4:1).
 4. Healed the sick by the Spirit of God (cast out devils) *"If I by the Spirit of God cast out devils, the kingdom of God is come unto you..." (Mat 12:28).*
 5. Justified by the Spirit - (I Tim. 3:16) - *"Manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit..."*
 6. Raised from the dead by the Spirit. *"If that same spirit that raised Christ from the dead..." (Rom 8:11).*
- B. Life of the believer
- New birth by the Spirit
- Gives assurance of salvation
- Opens believers understanding to things of God
- Imparts life
- Enables to pray *"The spirit prays with groanings which cannot be uttered."*
- Enables to worship in spirit and truth
- Reveals truth - *"When He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth."* (Joh 16:13).
- Teaches - *"He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you"* (Joh 14:26).
- Leads and guides - *"As many as are led by the Spirit..." (Rom 8:14).*
- Comforts - *"If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."* (Joh 16:7).
- Produces Christ-fruits (Gal 5:22-23).
- Glorifies Christ - *"He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shew it unto you."* (Joh 16:14).
- Quickens our mortal bodies (Rom 8:11).

Empowers to witness - *"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."*
(Acts 1:8).

- A. Works, searches, speaks, testifies, bears witness, teaches, instructs, reproves, prays and makes intercession, leads, guides, glorifies, strives, convicts.
- B. Work of the Holy Spirit in relation to the unconverted is to convince, convict, and convert.

IV. HOLY SPIRIT IS THE FATHER AND SON'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE EARTH.

V. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. Holy Spirit necessary in experience of new birth and salvation.
- B. There is a baptism with the Holy Spirit.

OTHER WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Controls the movements of believers - *"While Peter thought on the vision the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."* (Acts 10:19).

Directs in the selection of Christian leaders - *"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."* (Ac 13:2).

Chooses the fields of operation - *"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia."* (Acts 16:6).

Gives life - *"If is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* (Joh 6:63).