

TOPIC, "THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE SPIRIT"  
JOHN 14:15-18; 16:5-15

ALL READ -

JOHN 14:15 "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL OBEY WHAT I COMMAND.

16 - AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER COUNSELOR TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER—

17 - THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT HIM, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR KNOWS HIM. BUT YOU KNOW HIM, FOR HE LIVES WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU.

- 18 - I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU.

JOHN 16:5 "NOW I AM GOING TO HIM WHO SENT ME, YET NONE OF YOU ASKS ME, 'WHERE ARE YOU GOING?'

6 - BECAUSE I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS, YOU ARE FILLED WITH GRIEF.

7 - BUT I TELL YOU THE TRUTH: IT IS FOR YOUR GOOD THAT I AM GOING AWAY. UNLESS I GO AWAY, THE COUNSELOR WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I GO, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU.

8 - WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF GUILT IN REGARD TO SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT:

9 - IN REGARD TO SIN, BECAUSE MEN DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME;

10 - IN REGARD TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO THE FATHER, WHERE YOU CAN SEE ME NO LONGER;

11 - AND IN REGARD TO JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD NOW STANDS CONDEMNED.

12 - I HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY TO YOU, MORE THAN YOU CAN NOW BEAR.

13 - BUT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, COMES, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN; HE WILL SPEAK ONLY WHAT HE HEARS, AND HE WILL TELL YOU WHAT IS YET TO COME.

14 - HE WILL BRING GLORY TO ME BY TAKING FROM WHAT IS MINE AND MAKING IT KNOWN TO YOU.

15 - ALL THAT BELONGS TO THE FATHER IS MINE. THAT IS WHY I SAID THE SPIRIT WILL TAKE FROM WHAT IS MINE AND MAKE IT KNOWN TO YOU.

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HOW MANY OF YOU ARE AFRAID OF GHOSTS? DO YOU REMEMBER DON KNOTS IN "THE GHOST AND MR. CHICKEN?"

TODAY, SOME BELIEVE IN REAL GHOSTS.

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION USES THE WORD "GHOST" ONLY 4 TIMES. ONE EXAMPLE IS - (MATTHEW 14:26 WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, THEY WERE TERRIFIED. "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID.

BUT, WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THE HOLMAN BIBLE DICTIONARY SAYS, "HE IS THE MYSTERIOUS THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY THROUGH WHOM GOD ACTS, REVEALS HIS WILL, EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS, AND DISCLOSES HIS PERSONAL PRESENCE IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS."

- THE NAZARENE MANUAL, ARTICLE OF FAITH 3 SAYS, WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRIUNE GODHEAD, THAT HE IS EVER PRESENT AND EFFICIENTLY ACTIVE IN AND WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONVINCING THE WORLD OF SIN, REGENERATING THOSE WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE, SANCTIFYING BELIEVERS, AND GUIDING INTO ALL TRUTH AS IT IS IN JESUS.

WE BELIEVE HE IS THE LIVING BEING AS THE THIRD PERSON OF GOD.

SO WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1 ST OF ALL -

- HE WAS CREATING THE UNIVERSE IN THE BEGINNING.

GE 1:2 NOW THE EARTH WAS FORMLESS AND EMPTY, DARKNESS WAS OVER THE SURFACE OF THE DEEP, AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING OVER THE WATERS.

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- THE SPIRIT WAS ON DAVID

1SA 16:13 SO SAMUEL TOOK THE HORN OF OIL AND ANOINTED HIM IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS BROTHERS, AND FROM THAT DAY ON THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON DAVID IN POWER

- THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS ON MARY.

LK 1:30 BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.

LK 1:31 YOU WILL BE WITH CHILD AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS.

LK 1:32 HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH. THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID,

LK 1:33 AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END."

LK 1:34 "HOW WILL THIS BE," MARY ASKED THE ANGEL, "SINCE I AM A VIRGIN?"

LK 1:35 THE ANGEL ANSWERED, "THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU. SO THE HOLY ONE TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD

- THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS ON JESUS AT HIS BAPTISM,

LK 3:22 AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED ON HIM IN BODILY FORM LIKE A DOVE."

- JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT

LK 4:1 JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, RETURNED FROM THE JORDAN AND WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT IN THE DESERT,

ALL OF JESUS WORK WAS THROUGH THE SPIRIT

- THE SPIRIT IS INVOLVED IN THE NEW BIRTH

JN 3:5 JESUS ANSWERED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

JN 3:8 THE WIND BLOWS WHEREVER IT PLEASURES. YOU HEAR ITS SOUND, BUT YOU CANNOT TELL WHERE IT COMES FROM OR WHERE IT IS GOING. SO IT IS WITH EVERYONE BORN OF THE SPIRIT."

- JESUS LATER PROMISED,  
AC 1:5 FOR JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT IN A FEW DAYS YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHED,

- MT 3:11 “I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE. BUT AFTER ME WILL COME ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I, WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT FIT TO CARRY. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE. THAT’S WHAT ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION IS!

- THE SPIRIT IS A MUST IN OUR WITNESSING  
JUST BEFORE THE ASCENSION, JESUS SAID,  
AC 1:8 BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.”

PETER AND JOHN WERE IMPRISONED FOR THERE WITNESS. FOLLOWING THERE RELEASE THEY WENT TO A HOUSE PRAYER MEETING,  
AC 4:31 TELLS US, AFTER THEY PRAYED THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE MEETING WAS SHAKEN. AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD BOLDLY.

WHAT ABOUT TODAY, HOW IMPORTANT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO US AS BELIEVERS?  
AC 2:17 “ IN THE LAST DAYS, GOD SAYS, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHESEY, YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS. AC 2:18 EVEN ON MY SERVANTS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS, AND THEY WILL PROPHESEY

YES, TODAY – THE HOLY SPIRIT IS VERY PRESENT, CREATING – ANOINTING – DRAWING US - GIVING NEW BIRTH – BAPTIZING WITH HIS SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE – WITNESSING THROUGH US – LEADING – EMPOWERING – PROTECTING AND GROWING THE CHURCH.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS,

- TODAY, ARE YOU BORN OF THE SPIRIT? ARE YOU SAVED? ARE YOU READY TO GO TO HEAVEN? THIS IS MORE THAN OUR GOODNESS. THIS IS MORE THAN OUR TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF IN LIFE. THIS IS MORE THIS A HUMAN ENDEAVOR. THIS IS AN ACT THAT MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE TOUCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS YOU WERE ONCE BORN PHYSICALLY THROUGH YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – GIVING YOU NEW LIFE..
- ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT? THE INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT. THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT COMES BY CONFESSING OUR SINS AND REPENTING OF OUR SONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT DOES NOT CONCERN SIN, BUT INVOLVES OUR TOTAL SURRENDER OF OUR BODY – SOUL AND MIND FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT’S FULL POSSESSION. JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS CHURCH, “SANCTIFY THEM.” PAUL COMMANDED BELIEVERS IN EPHESIANS 5:18, BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.” THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT IS NOT SOME STRANGE AND WEIRD PHENOMENON THAT HAPPENS TO US, BUT IT IS THE FULLNESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE THAT COMES TO LIVES IN US TO GIVE US NEEDED LOVE – PURITY - & POWER TO LIVE THE HOLY LIFE FOR CHRIST. JOHN WESLEY SAID, “IT IS LOVING GOD WITH ALL OF OUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH, AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS OUR SELF.”

- ARE YOU WALKING IN THE SPIRIT?

GAL 5:25 TELLS US, "SINCE WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT."

JESUS SAID,

LK 11:13 IF YOU THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!"

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES SIMPLY THROUGH ASKING AND RECEIVING THROUGH FAITH.

- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOW PRAYING FOR YOU.

RO 8:26 "THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE OUGHT TO PRAY FOR, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH GROANS THAT WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS."