

# The Holy Spirit Seminar: Notes

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The Holy Spirit is perhaps the most obscure and misunderstood person of the Trinity. Jesus implied that the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives is better than his own physical presence (see John 16:7). Yet most of us would much rather have Jesus by our side than the Holy Spirit. The hope is that this resource will lead you to more knowledge and intimacy with the Spirit, the treasured person of the God-head.

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When you think of the Holy Spirit, what do you picture in your mind?

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Trinity—The forgotten person of the Trinity
  1. The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - the \_\_\_\_\_ pronoun *ekeinos* or *he* is used in the original Greek instead of the \_\_\_\_\_ pronoun
      - see John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14
    - not just a synonym for the “\_\_\_\_\_.”
      - see Luke 4:14; Acts 10:38; Rom 15:13; 1Cor 2:4.
    - see his \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture:
      - loves us (Rom 15:30)
      - teaches (John 14:26)
      - bears witness (John 15:26; Rom 8:16)
      - intercedes and prays for us (Rom 8:26-27)
      - searches and knows God (1Cor 2:10-11)
      - willing to distribute gifts (1Cor 12:11)
      - forbids (or doesn't allow) certain activities (Acts 16:6-7)
      - speaks (Acts 8:29; 10:19-20; 13:2)
      - evaluates and approves courses of action (Acts 15:28)
      - is grieved by sin (Eph 4:30)
  2. The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - has the same \_\_\_\_\_ as God
      - eternal (Heb 9:14)
      - omnipresence (Psalm 139:7-10)
      - omniscience (1Cor 2:10-13)
      - omnipotence (Zech 4:6; Rom 15:13, 19)
      - holiness (Eph 4:30-31)
      - loving (Rom 5:5)
    - Peter directly \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit to God.
      - Acts 5:3-4 “Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...? You have not lied to men, but to God.”
    - many references of Holy Spirit on same level as the Father and Jesus
      - Matt 28:19; 1Cor 12:4-6; 2Cor 13:14; Eph 4:4-6; 1 Pet 1:2; Jude 20-21

- In summary, the Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's activity—the manifestation of God's activity in the world.—“God in action”

### 3 Primary Dimensions of the Holy Spirit's Activity:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - We were made to be people of the Spirit/ animated by the Spirit (Genesis 2:7)
  - Galatians 3:14 equates the blessing of Abraham to the gift of the Spirit! This is what God is all about: making a people for Himself, people of the Spirit.
  - Born again of the Spirit--John 3:3-6
  - Seal of the Holy Spirit—Ephesians 1:13-14
  - John 16:8-15—The Spirit convicts, and guides us into truth
  - Every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them—Romans 8:9
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 8:5-15
  - 2 Corinthians 3:18
  - Galatians 5:22-26
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Luke 24:49—“clothed with power from on high”
  - Acts 1:8—“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you”
  - 1 Corinthians 14:1 – “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts”

### **EXPANDING ON THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE SPIRIT**

- **The Spirit's empowerment in the \_\_\_\_\_** (just a few examples)
  - Moses and the seventy elders –Numbers 11:14-17, 24-29
  - Gideon—Judges 6:34
  - Saul—1 Samuel 10:1-10
  - David—1 Samuel 16:13

In the Old Testament, the Spirit empowered the \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_. These were leaders, judges, kings, or prophets. It was for the purpose of empowering and equipping them for their position.

- **The Spirit's empowerment in \_\_\_\_\_**
  - Jesus' baptism—Luke 3:21-22
    - This marks the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus performed his earthly ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38, Phil 2:7)
  - Jesus reading in the temple –Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:1
    - Jesus inaugurated his ministry by reading a prophecy. Jesus was saying that he was the fulfillment of this prophecy.

- **Biblical prophecies of the \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - o Luke 3:16, Mark 1:8, Matt 3:11
  - o Luke 24:49
  - o Acts 1:5,8

These verses show that the day of Pentecost was not just some side note, but a tremendously \_\_\_\_\_ event. Jesus told them the great commission but told them not to go anywhere yet, because they would need the power of the Spirit to fulfill what God wanted them to do.

- **The Spirit's empowerment \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus**
  - o Acts 2:1-4 – Day of Pentecost
  - o Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:16-18

Quote from *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*: "Peter emphasizes that it is universal in status, not geographical or chronological: it is for the young as well as the old; for the female as well as the male; for slaves as well as free. The prophetic gift of the Spirit is to be no longer restricted to specifically called and endowed charismatic leaders as it was in the Old Testament times. Indeed, in the last days the gift of the Spirit is as potentially universal as the gift of grace (Acts 2:39)"

Now instead of Jesus and only a select few having the power of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ have access to this power of the same Holy Spirit. This helps make sense of John 14:12-14.

- o look at early church in Acts
  - 2:1-4; 8:14-19; 9:17-19; 10:44-46; 19:1-7

- **What is the purpose of the baptism of the Spirit (Spirit empowerment)?**
  - o power to be a witness (Acts 1:8)
  - o strengthens the church (1Cor 14:26)
  - o private tongues (prayer language) is to edify oneself (1Cor 14:4)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit does NOT make you better than others; it just makes you a better, more effective, you.

- **Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (and the gifts of the Holy Spirit) for today?**
  - o Acts 2:38-39
  - o 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
    - Has perfection come? Do we see face to face? Do we know fully?

Gordon Fee quote from *Paul, the Spirit and the People of God* "Paul would simply not have understood the presence of the Spirit that did not also include such evidences of the Spirit's working that he termed 'powers', which we translate 'miracles' (Galatians 3:5, Romans 15:18-19)...Those who believe in God as creator and sustainer, but who balk at the miraculous both past and present, have created

theological positions for themselves that are difficult to sustain and quite removed from the biblical perspective.”

- **Is the baptism of the Holy Spirit different from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit received at conversion?**

- The Samaritan believers – Acts 8:14-19
- Paul – Acts 9:1-19
- Believers in Ephesus – Acts 19:1-7

These show that the Baptism of the Spirit is distinct from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, though both are works of the same Holy Spirit.

- **What role does speaking in tongues have in the baptism of the Spirit?**

Scripture	Speaking in Tongues	Tongues of Fire	Sound of Wind	Praising God	Prophecy
Acts 2:1-4	X	X	X		
Acts 8:14-19	? ^				
Acts 9:17-19	? *				
Acts 10: 44-46	X			X	
Acts 19: 1-7	X				X

^ We see in v18 that there was definitely outward evidence which Simon the Sorcerer wanted to buy.

\* The text does not give details of Paul's baptism in the Spirit so it is impossible to know exactly what happened; but we do know that Paul did speak in tongues from 1 Corinthians 14:18.

- This is why we may hear so much about speaking in tongues – it usually happens! When we ask God to baptize someone in the Holy Spirit, we expect that tongues will be involved in the outward evidence of the inward reality.

- **Is it appropriate to ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit?**

- Luke 12:31- Seek God first, not his blessings.
- Luke 11:9-13 – Jesus assures us that when we ask, God will give us *good* gifts!
- 1Cor 14:1 – Paul instructs the church to “eagerly desire spiritual gifts”

The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_. He rarely forces himself on us. He waits for us to ask and seek; then he shows up. When we do not expect him to show up, or give us supernatural gifts, he probably won't. (Even Jesus could not do miracles in his hometown because of their lack of faith).

- **How do I receive this empowerment of the Spirit?**

- repent – \_\_\_\_\_ turn
  - You should want to do God's will before ask for his power.
  - John 13:1-17; 1Cor 13 – You should desire to love those around you
- be baptized in \_\_\_\_\_
  - as an outward, public sign of what has happened inwardly
  - Acts 2:38
- \_\_\_\_\_ God and ask in faith
  - Luke 11:9-13 – **God is the giver, and it is a *gift*!**
  - Acts 2:38-39 – remember that the promise is for all believers

- release any fear that he won't show up, or fear that he will show up!
- perhaps ask others to pray for you (laying on of hands)
- \_\_\_\_\_ to speak out in tongues
  - when you feel God's presence, continue to press in.
  - partner with the Holy Spirit. Remember, he is a gentleman.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in faith, continue to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - just like we receive our salvation in faith.
  - remember the purposes of the baptism
  - Eph 5:18 - a *continual* filling of the Spirit, not just a one-time event.