

Holy Spirit: Promised Power

Selected Passages

Opening Questions

- If the Holy Spirit is perhaps as personally active in the lives of Christians in this day and age as any of the three persons of the Godhead, then why is there such lack of understanding, misunderstanding or confusion about Him?
- If Romans 8 reveals that there really are no options other than living according to the flesh or according to the Spirit, then why do we so often dabble in “the middle” (as though it exists)?
- If by His very nature the Holy Spirit is full of power (ascribed to as wind, fire and water at various points in Scripture), then why do we so earnestly desire to suppress/control Him and His power?
- If the Holy Spirit’s power is promised to believers, then why do we so willingly settle for so much less in life?

Goals

- Great understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what He does
- Greater appreciation of who He is and what He does
- Greatest desire to live by His power (both individually and corporately)

Who He Is

- Personality
 - His Attributes
 - Will – 1 Cor 12:11
 - Life – Rom 8:2
 - His Works
 - Creation – Gen 1:2
 - Empowerment – Zech 4:6
 - Teaching – Jn 16:13
 - Guidance – Is 48:16
 - Comfort – Jn 14:26
 - Prayer – Rom 8:26
 - Conviction – Jn 16:8
 - Restraint of sin – Is 59:19
 - His Ascriptions
 - Masculine pronouns – Jn 15:26; 16:13-14
 - Responses to Him
 - Sin against – Is 63:10
 - Grieve – Eph 4:30
 - Reverence – Ps 51:11
 - Obey – Acts 10:19-21
 - Lying to – Acts 5:3
- Deity
 - His Ascriptions – 2 Sam 23:2-3; Acts 5:1-4; Acts 28:25 (vis-à-vis Is 6); Heb 10:15 (vis-à-vis Jer 31)
 - His Equality with other persons of the Godhead – Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14
 - His Attributes
 - Omnipresent – Ps 139:7
 - Omniscient – 1 Cor 2:10-11
 - Omnipotent – Gen 1:2
 - Holy – Lk 11:13
 - Eternal – Heb 9:14
 - His Works/Ministries – see “What He Does” section below

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What He Does

- Old Testament
 - Creation – Gen 1:2
 - Revelation – Is 61:1ff
 - Enablement – Ex 31; Judges, 1 Samuel
 - Renewal – Ps 51
 - Teaching/Guidance – Neh 9:20,30;
 - Inspiration of Scriptures – 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21 (NT passages ref OT Scripture)
- New Testament (specifically re: life of Christ)
 - Virgin birth – Lk 1
 - Baptism – Lk 3
 - Wilderness – Lk 4 (first half)
 - Ministry launch – Lk 4 (second half)
 - Suffering/Death – Heb 9:14
 - Resurrection – Rom 8:11 (Same power as that which raised Jesus from the dead)
- Pertaining to Salvation
 - Unsaved
 - Restraining sin – 2 Thes 2:3-10
 - Conviction of sin, righteousness, judgment – Jn 16:8-11
 - Saved
 - Regeneration – Jn 3:3-7; Titus 3:5 (2 Cor 5:17)
 - Baptism – 1 Cor 12:13
 - Indwelling – Jn 7:37-39; Rom 5:5; 1 Cor 2:12; 6:19-20
 - Sealed – 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; 4:30
 - Spiritual Gifts – 1 Cor 12,14; Rom 12; Eph 4
- Pertaining to Sanctification
 - Filling – Eph 5:18
 - Illumination/Guidance/Comfort – Jn 14-16

Who We Are/What We Do

Flow of Scripture re: Holy Spirit

- ✓ Promise of Holy Spirit/His Work – Ezk 36:22-32
- ✓ Promise of coming of Holy Spirit – Joel 2:38-32
- ✓ Promise of coming of Holy Spirit by Jesus – Jn 14:12-17,25-26; 16:5-15
- ✓ Coming of Holy Spirit – Acts
- ✓ Life in the Spirit – Rom 8:1-17
- ✓ Ministry by the Spirit – 2 Cor 2:14-4:18
- Positive Injunctions
 - Live according to the Spirit – Gal 5:16
 - Be filled – Eph 5:18
- Negative Injunctions (deal with commandments to stop sinning)
 - Do not grieve the Holy Spirit – Eph 4:30
 - Do not quench the Holy Spirit – 1 Thes 5:19
- Corporate Implications