

Understanding the Spiritual World

(2) Understanding the Holy Spirit:
Know the Mission

Review of the Person

- The Holy Spirit Is
 - Fully Personal
 - Mind, Heart, Will, Conscience, Strength
 - Fully Divine
 - Eternal
 - Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent
 - Holy, Just, Merciful
 - Trinitarian
 - Equal in **Position**
 - Different in **Roles**
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Review of the Person

- The Role of the Holy Spirit
 - Genderless
 - The Word "Spirit" Is Neuter
 - A Masculine Pronoun "He" Is Used
 - Motherhood
 - The Holy Spirit Plays the Role of **Wife and Mother** in the Household of God
 - Biblical Model:
 - Eternal Wisdom (Prov 8:22-31)
 - Woman of Excellence (Prov 31:10-31)
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Ministry of Wisdom

- Wisdom = Applying Knowledge Efficiently in Real Life
 - Home Economics = Managing Life the Best in Pre-set Conditions
 - Characteristics of Ministry
 - Self-effacing: Honoring the Father & the Son
 - Ever-changing: Dispensational in Stages
 - All-embracing: Detailed & Meticulous
 - Life-giving: Generating Life, Order and Holiness
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Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

- Creation:
 - Of Material Being (Gen 1:2)
 - The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
 - Of Personal Life (Job 33:4)
 - "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life." -- Elihu
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Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

- Sustaining Life
 - On Animals (Ps 104:29-30)
 - 29 You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust. 30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.
 - On Humans (Gen 6:3)
 - Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years."
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Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

□ Anointing for Ministry

- (Num 11:24-25) 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and **He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders.** And when **the Spirit rested upon them**, they prophesied. But they did not do *it* again.

Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

□ Empowering for Service

- Joseph (Gen 41:38)
- Joshua (Num 27:18)
- Daniel (Dan 5:11)
- He "Came upon"
 - Othniel (Judg 3:10)
 - Gideon (Judg 6:34)
 - Jephthah (Judg 11:26)
 - Samson (Judg 14:6, 19; 15:14)
 - Saul (1 Sam 10:6; 11:6)
 - David (1 Sam 6:13)

Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

□ He Can Leave the Anointed Person due to Disobedience

- He Left Saul (1 Sam 16:14)
 - Now the **Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul**, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.
- He Could Have Left David (Ps 51:11)
 - "Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."
--David

Work of the Holy Spirit in OT Times

□ He Reveals to the Prophets

- David (2 Sam 23:2)
 - **The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me**, And His word was on my tongue.
- Micaiah (1 King 22:24)
 - Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did **the Spirit of the LORD** pass from me to **speak to you?**"
- Ezekiel (Ezek 11:5)
 - Then **the Spirit of the LORD** fell upon me, and He **said to me**, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, ...'"

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

□ He "sends off" Christ before Ascension

- Acting in Virgin Birth
 - (Matt 1:18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by **the Holy Spirit**.
 - (Luke 1:35) The angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;** and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

□ He "sends off" Christ before the Ascension

- Joining in the Baptism
 - (Luke 3:21-22) 21 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and **the Holy Spirit descended upon Him** in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

- He "sends off" Christ before the Ascension
 - Empowering for Ministry
 - (Isa 11:2) **The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him**, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
 - (Luke 4:18-19) **"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."**

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

- He "sends off" Christ before the Ascension
 - Anointing for Death (Heb 9:14)
 - How much more will the blood of Christ, who **through the eternal Spirit offered Himself** without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
 - Participating in Resurrection
 - (Rom 1:4) who was declared the Son of God with power by the **resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness**, Jesus Christ our Lord ...

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

- He "sends off" Christ before the Ascension
 - Ministry in the Underworld (1 Pet 3:18-20)
 - 18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been **put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit**; 19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

- He Is "sent off" by Christ after the Ascension
 - (John 20:22) And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit."**
 - (John 16:7) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the 1aHelper will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send Him to you.**

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ

- He Will "send off" the Followers of Christ
 - (Acts 1:8) "But you will receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and **you shall be My witnesses**
 - both in Jerusalem,
 - and in all Judea
 - and Samaria,
 - and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Jews (Acts 2)

- Time: Pentecost (Sun. May 24, AD 33)
- Place: Temple in Jerusalem
- People Group: Jews
- Number: 120 Disciples
- Tongues?: Yes
- Speaker: Galileans (Speaking Aramaic)
- Listeners: Jews in Diaspora
- Language: Languages of the Listeners
- Content: Mighty Deeds of God
- Laying on of Hands: No
- Sequence: Believe, Baptize=Receive Holy Spirit

Texts of the Pentecost to the Jews

□ The Root of Tongues (Acts 2:1-3)

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise **like a violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them **tongues as of fire** distributing themselves, and they **rested on each one of them**.

Texts of the Pentecost to the Jews

□ The Nature of Tongues (Acts 2:4-5)

- 4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. 5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because **each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language**.
 - (Acts 2:11) we hear them **in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God**.

Texts of the Pentecost to the Jews

□ The Sequence of the Steps of Salvation

- (Acts 2:37-38) 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter *said* to them,
 - **"Repent,**
 - and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness** of your sins;
 - and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans (Acts 8)

- Time: c. AD 34-35
- Place: Samaria
- People Group: Samaritans
- Number: A Crowd
- Tongues?: No
- Speaker: Samaritans (Speaking Aramaic)
- Listeners: Jews (Speaking Aramaic)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit to Samaritans (Acts 8)

- Laying of Hands: Yes
- Those Who Lay:
 - Acceptance; Having the Same Spirit
- Those Laid:
 - Confession of Errors
 - Submission to Authority
- Errors Confessed:
 - Rival Worship (John 4:20)
 - Many Paths to God
- Sequence: Believe, Baptize=Receive Holy Spirit

Texts of the Pentecost to the Samaritans

□ The Breaking of the Door

- (Acts 8:5-7) 5 **Philip** went down to the city of Samaria and **began proclaiming Christ** to them. 6 **The crowds** with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they **heard and saw the signs** which he was performing. 7 For *in the case of* many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out *of them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 So there was much rejoicing in that city.

Texts of the Pentecost to the Samaritans

☐ The Step of the Salvation Process

- (Acts 8:12) But when they **believed** Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being **baptized**, men and women alike.
 - (Acts 8:14-17) 14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they *began* **laying their hands** on them, and they were **receiving the Holy Spirit**.
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The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles (Acts 10)

- ☐ Time: c. AD 35-36
 - ☐ Place: Home of Cornelius, Caesarea
 - ☐ People Group: Gentiles
 - ☐ Number: Those Listening
 - ☐ Tongues?: Yes
 - ☐ Speaker: Italians (Speaking Latin)
 - ☐ Listeners: Jews (Speaking Aramaic)
 - ☐ Content: Exalting God
 - ☐ Laying of hands: No
 - ☐ Sequence: Believe=Holy Spirit, Baptize
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Texts of the Pentecost to the Gentiles

- ☐ (Acts 10:44-18) 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message**. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles** also. 46 For they were hearing them **speaking with tongues and exalting God**. Then Peter answered, 47 "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?"
 - ☐ 48 And he ordered them to be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ**. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.
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The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Jews Again (Acts 19)

- ☐ Time: Spring, c. AD 53
 - ☐ Place: Ephesus
 - ☐ People Group: Jewish Believers
 - ☐ Number: 12 Men (Disciples of Apollos)
 - ☐ Tongues?: Yes
 - ☐ Speaker: Jews in Diaspora (Speaking Greek +Local Dialects)
 - ☐ Listeners: Jews in Diaspora (Greek +Dialects)
 - ☐ Content: Prophecy
 - ☐ Laying of hands: Yes
 - ☐ Sequence: Believe, Baptize=Receive Holy Spirit
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The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Jews Again (Acts 8)

- ☐ Laying of Hands: Yes
 - ☐ Those Who Lay:
 - Acceptance; Having the Same Spirit
 - ☐ Those Laid:
 - Confession of Errors
 - Submission to Authority
 - ☐ Errors Confessed:
 - One Advent
 - Kingdom Now
 - ☐ Sequence: Believe, Baptize=Receive Holy Spirit
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Texts of the Pentecost to the Jews Again

- ☐ (Acts 19:1-7) 1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. 2 He said to them, **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"** And they *said* to him, **"No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."**
 - ☐ 3 And he said, **"Into what then were you baptized?"** And they said, **"Into John's baptism."** 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.
 - ☐ 6 And when **Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them**, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 There were in all about twelve men.
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Meanings of the Two Baptisms

☐ John's Baptism:

- (1) repentance (for those who need it);
- (2) readiness to receive the Full Kingdom of God (Jesus' reason for baptism).

☐ Baptism in the name of Jesus:

Acceptance of Dispensations:

- (1) Spiritual Kingdom after 1st Advent
 - (2) Full Kingdom after 2nd Advent.
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The Mission of the Holy Spirit

- ☐ To Follow the Will of the Father to Expand Love beyond the Trinity
 - ☐ To Establish the Son as the Future Ruler of All Creation
 - ☐ To Create a New Humanity Who Knows Love by Receiving Christ as LORD
 - ☐ To Make the Bride of Christ Holy and Ready for Eternity
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