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Session 10 Pneumatology Person and Work

Introduction:
Acts 19:2

"It is an extraordinary thing that those who profess to care so much about Christ should know and care so little about the Holy Spirit. Christians are aware of the difference it would make if, after all, it transpired that there had never been an incarnation of an atonement. They know that then they would be lost, for they would have no Savior. But many Christians have really no idea what difference it would make if there were no Holy Spirit in the world" (J.I. Packer, *Knowing God* p. 69).

Ignored

Misunderstood

"The force"

The christmas spirit

He not "it"

The danger of experientialism

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Names:

The Spirit of Truth (John 14:17)

The Holy Spirit John (14:26)

The Helper John (14:26)

The Comforter (John 14:16)

The Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11)

The Personality of the Spirit

He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10)

He can be resisted (Acts 7:51)

He can be quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

The Deity of the Spirit

See names above

2 Corinthians 3:18

The Spirit's Relationship to the Godhead:

Sent by the Father (John 14:26)

In Jesus' Name (John 14:26)

Sent by the Son (John 15:26; 16:7)



The Work of the Holy Spirit

The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church" (Grudem, 634).

- Active in creation (Genesis 1:2)
- Instructing (Nehemiah 9:20)
- Enabling interpretation of dreams (Genesis 41:38)
- Empowering for service in the OT (Bezalel in Exodus 31:3)
- Spoke through the prophets (2 Samuel 23:2; Micah 3:8)
- Protected the people of God (in the exodus from Egypt - Isaiah 63:11-12)
- Anointing of Israel's leaders
 - Moses and the seventy elders (Numbers 11:17-25)
 - Joshua (Deuteronomy 34:9)
 - Othniel (Judges 3:10)
 - Gideon (Judges 6:34)
 - Jephthah (Judges 11:29)
 - Samson (Judges 14:6)
 - Saul (1 Samuel 11:6)
 - David (1 Samuel 16:13)
- Conviction/Restraint of Sin
 - John 16:8-11
 - Acts 7:51
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

The Spirit's work in the earthly ministry of the Son:

- Isaiah 61:1-2 Prophesied to be on the Servant of YHWH
- Luke 1:35 active in the conception of Jesus
- Matthew 12:32-33 active in the earthly ministry of Christ (made blasphemy of the Spirit possible)
- Luke 4:1-2 led Jesus (into the wilderness to be tempted)
- Luke 3:22 descended upon Jesus (anointing for messianic ministry)
- Luke 4:1,14
- John 3:34-35
- John 1:32
- Acts 10:38
- 1 Peter 3:18 the resurrection

The Spirit's work in the disciples of Jesus:

- Promised by Jesus
 - John 14:16 promised by Jesus to continue his work of comfort for his disciples
 - John 14:26 teach the disciples, bring to remembrance all that Jesus said
- Power for witness to the ends of the earth Acts 1:8
- Power for miracles – Stephen – Acts 6:5,8
- Power for miracles – Paul – Romans 15:19
- Demonstration of power in ministry – Paul – 1 Corinthians 2:4
- Boldness/power in proclamation Acts 4:8,31; 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 1 Peter 1:12

The Spirit reveals God and His truth through the Word:

- Hebrews 3:7
- Hebrews 10:15
- Ephesians 6:17



The Spirit regenerates (converts) believers:

Titus 3:5

John 3:6-7

John 6:63

2 Corinthians 3:6

The Spirit baptizes believers into Christ

Galatians 3:27

1 Corinthians 12:13

The Spirit sanctifies believers:

Initially at the point of conversion – 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5

Transforms believers into the image of the Lord – 2 Corinthians 3:18

2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Peter 1:2

The Spirit produces fruit in believers – Galatians 5:22-23

The Spirit preserves believers – Ephesians 1:13-14

The Spirit affirms believers' filial relationship to the Father – Romans 8:15-16

The Spirit leads believers – Romans 8:14

The Spirit enables, energizes, and empowers God-pleasing spiritual living – Romans 8:4-17

The Spirit intercedes on behalf of believers:

Romans 8:26

Ephesians 2:18

The Spirit equips believers for ministry with spiritual gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:7,11

The Spirit indwells believers

1 Corinthians 6:19

Consider what we would miss if there were no Holy Spirit:

Questions:

Were OT saints regenerated? Permanently indwelt? (ie., Ezek 3:24)

What changes, if any, have occurred between testaments in the way the Holy Spirit operates in the lives of saints?

How is your practical Pneumatology?

Evangelism

Preaching

Sanctification

1 Corinthians 1-2 and the necessity of the Spirit

Resources:

The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit Larry D. Pettegrew

