

The Blessed Holy Spirit
John 14:16-18

Introduction

- A. Some of the most important promises in the Bible have to do with the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. For example:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me... Acts 1:8

- B. God has not saved us and then left us to flounder about in our own weakness and ignorance. He has made every provision for us. A wonderful part of that provision is the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Most of our personal and Church problems grow out of an ignorance of and sinning against the Holy Spirit. Perhaps no one ever cared enough for you to teach you the truth about Biblical Christianity and the Holy Spirit.

I. He is the Spirit of God: Emphasis on Deity/Person. Gen 1:2

- A. The Holy Spirit is God.** Note Acts 5:1-11

But Peter said ... Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? ... Thou has not lied unto men, but unto God. Acts 5:3,9

Comment: Ananias and Sapphira treated the Holy Spirit as though He did not know what they were doing and as unholy i.e., they "gambled" that He would not reveal what they were doing. They made choices as though the Holy Spirit, Who dwelt in them, wouldn't care.

- B. The Holy Spirit is a Person.**

The Holy Spirit is spoken of searching (I Cor 2:10); speaking (Act 8:29); praying (Rom 8:26,27); teaching (John 14:26); leading (Rom 8:14); commanding (Acts 16:6,7); being resisted (Acts 7:51); lied to and tempted (Acts 5:3,9); grieved (Eph 4:30); and quenched (I Thess 5:19).

Comment: It is here that we sin so deeply against the Holy Spirit. We fail to give Him due respect and honor as a Person. We often resist, grieve, and quench Him by our disobedience to His Word. We treat Him as though He is not present, doesn't care, and as though He were under our control.

II. He is the Spirit of Christ: Emphasis on Anointing/Revealing. Romans 8:9

- A. The Holy Spirit Enabled the Lord Jesus in His Life and Death.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me Luke 4:19.

Comment: In Luke 4:1,14, and 19 we see how the Holy Spirit anointed the Lord Jesus, in fulfillment of prophecy (Is 61:1), for His ministry. In John 3:34 we are told He was given the Holy Spirit "without limit." This is why it was so serious to say the Lord Jesus did His work by the power of Satan (Mark 3:22-30).

The Lord Jesus was able to suffer our judgment, and die as our substitute, only because of the Enablement of the Holy Spirit.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Hebrews 9:14

B. He Makes the Savior Known by Inspiration and Illumination.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. I Peter 1:21

The Spirit himself testifies with our Spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16

Comment: Everything we know about God, the Savior, salvation, etc., is due to the work of the Holy Spirit. How indebted we are to Him.

III. He is the Spirit of Promise: Emphasis on Saving/Sanctifying. Acts 1:4

A. He Brings a Spiritual Rebirth to Believers.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Comment: The new birth makes one a new creation (II Cor 5:17). It produces a profound reversal in one's spiritual life and determines one's destiny (Eph 2:12,13).

B. He Makes it Possible for the Believer to Live a Holy Life.

Read John 16:13,14; Rom 15:13; Gal 5:16-18, 22,23; Eph 5:18-21

Comment: Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you and then obey Him.

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