

The Person of Holy Spirit (2)

Introduction

- A. The Holy Spirit is the gift of our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. He is, as all spiritual benefits are, a gift based entirely on God's grace. See Acts 1:4,8; 2:33,38,39
- B. How are we to respond to this wonderful gift and Person? What are some of the essential truths that will teach us how to "be being filled" with the Holy Spirit? Eph 5:18

I. Essential Truth # 1 - The Holy Spirit is a Person.

- A. The use of personal pronouns designate Him as a Person.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

- B. The characteristics of personality are attributed to the Holy Spirit.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Eph 4:30

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Cor 12:11

Application: We must treat the Holy Spirit as a Person in worship, submission, and obedience.

II. Essential Truth # 2 - The Holy Spirit is God.

- A. The Holy Spirit is called God.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit...You have not lied to men but to God." Acts 5:3,4

- B. The Holy Spirit does the work of God.

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." John 3:5 (Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit)

Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father. "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Rom 8:14-16 (Assurance of salvation and guidance is the work of the Spirit.)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (The ability to serve and glorify God is the work of the Holy Spirit.)

Application: Consider the seriousness of our (1) neglect of, and (2) disobedience to the Holy Spirit. All such activity grieves Him, highly limits His ministry in our life, and brings us into serious accountability for our actions.

III. Essential Truth # 3 - The Holy Spirit is an Infinitely Great Person.

A. The Holy Spirit was involved in creating the universe in wisdom and power.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Gen 1:2

B. The Holy Spirit anointed Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Land of Canaan.

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. Deut 34:9

C. The Holy Spirit anointed the Lord Jesus with wisdom and power for His ministry.

The Holy Spirit descended on him...Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...led by the Spirit...Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.... Luke 3:22; 4:1,14

D. The Lord Jesus provided the Holy Spirit for all believers — to take His place.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--the Spirit of truth. John 14:16,17

E. Our Father wants us to be filled with His Spirit.

Be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5:18 (“Be constantly, moment by moment, being controlled by the Spirit,” Kenneth Wuest)

IV. Essential Truth # 4 -We must Honor the Holy Spirit as Person and Cooperate with Him.

A. To honor Him we must spend quality time in prayer and worship.

*Be filled with the Spirit...Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. sing and make music in your heart to the Lord... always giving thanks....*Eph 5:18-20

B. To honor Him we must seek His gifts and use them among His people.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Cor 12:7

C. To honor Him we must learn to pray in the Spirit and do so often.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Eph 6:18

Conclusion: To neglect the Holy Spirit is to grieve and quench Him and limit His work in us.