

The Work of the Holy Spirit

I. The Old Testament Prophecy: Joel 2:28,29

- A. That which is prophesied: the time will come when all of God's people will be anointed – regardless of age, sex, or social standing.
- B. That which is not prophesied: this does not mean that people in the Old Testament were not born again by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9) and were not anointed (Judges 3:10; I Samuel 16:13); I Chronicles 12:18).

II. The New Testament Prophecy.

A. John 7:37-39

- 1. The promise: the believer may be a source of living water through the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The condition: the believer's relationship with the Holy Spirit is determined by his relationship with Jesus Christ.

B. John 14:16-18

- 1. The promise: Jesus Christ will give the believer the Holy Spirit and will come to the believer in the coming of the Spirit.
- 2. The Names of the Holy Spirit,
 - a. Comforter – "One called alongside" i.e., a Helper in the place of Jesus Christ.
 - b. Spirit of Truth – One to teach the believer the Truth and enable him to practice and proclaim it.

C. John 15:26,27

- The promise:
- 1. The Holy Spirit will lead the believer into an increasingly deeper experience (understanding and practice) with Jesus Christ.
 - 2. The believer will be used by the Holy Spirit in the fulfillment of His plan to glorify Jesus Christ,

D. John 16:7-15

- The promise:
- 1. The Holy Spirit will convict the non-Christian world.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit will guide the believer into all Truth
 - 3. The Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus Christ in the believer, He will not speak of Himself®

E. Acts 1:4-8

- The promise:
- 1. The believer will receive power in the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. The believer will then be a witness to Jesus Christ.

III. The Prophetic Fulfillment: Acts 2:1-21,33.

- A. The Day of Pentecost is a historical reality.
- B. The Church, which was born on the Day of Pentecost, is a baptized and anointed Church. When one becomes a believer today he is made a member of

that Church (I Cor. 12:13). As a consequence, through his relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, the believer is baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit and he becomes a body empowered to carry out the Great Commission. The present day believer possesses all the value and power of Pentecost.

C. Question: If this is true then why are we so filled with ambiguity (instead of Truth), and with weakness (instead of power)?

Answer: it must be our fault!

Summary: 1. Jesus Christ has made the provision that all believers are to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ through the sanctification and service of the believer.

3. The Holy Spirit will make the believer a source of living water.

4. The implied conditions the believer must be in harmony with the Holy Spirit's purpose -- to glorify Jesus Christ.

a. Jesus Christ is Truth -- we must reject all pretense and be truthful.

b. Jesus Christ is Love -- we must reject all selfishness and be loving.

c. Jesus Christ is Holiness -- we must reject all amorality and be holy.

d. Jesus Christ is our Lord -- we must reject all disobedience and obey Him.

e. Jesus Christ is our Sanctification -- we must reject all carnality and daily grow in His grace.

f. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church -- we must reject all lack of involvement and serve Him in His Church.

g. Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Harvest Field we must reject all lack of compassion and live as His witness.

h. Jesus Christ is the Living Word we must reject all lethargy to read and study the Bible and daily seek to mix the Word of God with faith and love.

IV. The Description of God's Provision.

A. The believer is born again by the Holy Spirit, John 3:3,5; Rom. 8:9; Titus 3:5.

B. The believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, I Corinthians 3:15; 6:19,20.

C. The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit, Eph. 1:13,14; 4:30; II Cor. 1:22.

D. The believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:4,5; I Cor. 12:13.

E. The believer is gifted by the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 12; Eph. 4:7-16.

F. The believer is anointed by the Holy Spirit, I John 2:20,27.

V. The Promise in God's Provision®

(This is what will happen in our lives when we learn how to give Jesus Christ His rightful place at the center of our lives and live day by day continually filled with the Holy Spirit.)

A. The promise of divine enablement for the enjoyment of spiritual things.

Romans 14:17; 15:13; Galatians 6:22,23.

B. The promise of divine enablement for witnessing.

John 7:37-39; 15:26,27; Acts 1:8; 9:31; 13:2,4; 20:28; Romans 15:19;
II Corinthians 3:3; I Thessalonians 1:5.

C. The promise of divine enablement for a successful prayer life.

Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20.

D. The promise of divine enablement for guidance.

John 16:13; Acts 15:28; 16:6; 20:23; Romans 8:14.

E. The promise of divine enablement for a correct understanding of Scripture.

John 16:12-15; I John 2:20,27.

F. The promise of divine enablement for an understanding of salvation.

Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:6; I John 3:24.

G. The promise of divine enablement for sanctification.

John 16:14,15; Romans 8:13,14; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 5:9.