



THE SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THEME: THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

2 Corinthians 13:14

PART ONE: THE PERSON AND DIETY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I. The Holy Spirit is a person

- A. Not a mystical blob, a gaseous presence, or as one denomination boldly states, "a persuading influence."
- B. The dictionary tells us that there are three primary characteristics of personhood. They are 1. Intelligence 2. Volition 3. Emotion
 - 1. *Intelligence* – The Holy Spirit is and knows the things of God, I Cor. 2:10-12. He is able to amass and apply information, John 14:26.
 - 2. *Volition* – The Holy Spirit divides the Gifts as He wills, 1 Cor. 12:11. He sets apart ministries in the Church, Acts 13:2, 4.
 - 3. *Emotion* – The Holy Spirit can be pleased, Acts 15:28; or grieved, Eph 4:30. He can be angered, Is. 63:10. Or joyful, Romans 14:17.
- C. The Holy Spirit is capable of receiving personal treatment. The Holy Spirit can be:
 - 1. *Followed*, John 16:13; Rom 8:14
 - 2. *Blasphemed*, Luke 12:10
 - 3. *Lied to*, Acts 5:3
 - 4. *Spoken against*, Matt 12:32
 - 5. *Quenched*, I Thess. 5:19
 - 6. *Heard*, Acts 8:29; and 11:12
- D. The Holy Spirit behaves like a person. He can:
 - 1. *Speak*, 2 Sam. 23:2 and Acts 13:2
 - 2. *Hear*, John 16:13
 - 3. *Rest*, Isaiah 11:2
 - 4. *Work*, I Cor. 12:11
 - 5. *See*, Rev. 5:6



- 6. *Move*, Genesis 1:2, 2 Peter 1:21
- 7. *Guide*, John 16:13
- 8. *Reveal*, John 16:13
- 9. *Teach*, John 14:26; I Cor. 2:13
- 10. *Lead*, Roman 8:14

- E. Some have argued against the personhood of the Holy Spirit by affirming that the Bible calls Him symbolically: Oil, Wind, Fire, Water, Rivers, Dove, etc. None of these have argued against the personhood of Jesus even though He is called symbolically Lamb, Branch, Seed, Morning Star, Lion of Judah, etc. The fact that the Holy Spirit is not visible to human sight does not diminish His existence (i.e. so is the Father).

II. The Holy Spirit is God.

- A. He is not the "step-child of the Trinity." He is fully God even as the Father and the Son are fully God. It is impossible to be less than God and be God! All three "omni's" are His: *omnipresent*, Psalm 139:7-10; *omnipotent*, Luke 1:35; *omniscient*, I Cor. 2:9-11.
 - B. When Jesus told the disciples the Father would send them another comforter, John 14:16, the Greek word *allos* is used rather than *heteros*. *Allos* = another of the same kind; a duplicate and exact reproduction. *Heteros* = another of a different kind.
 - C. Orthodoxy insists that the Godhead is composed of three Persons, yet one nature. This is precisely how the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit are One, 1 John 5:7.
 - D. Peter declared that the Holy Spirit is God. cf., Acts 5:3-4.
 - E. Is it scriptural to worship the Holy Spirit? Listen to David and formulate your own opinion.
- ### III. The Holy Spirit and You
- A. He wants to fellowship with you. 2 Cor. 13:14; c.f. 1 John 1:3, 6, 7

- B. He convinces you of sin and the need of salvation, John 16:8
- C. He gives birth to your spirit (regeneration), John 3:6
- D. He seals you as God's property after you believe on Jesus (sanctification), Eph. 1:13
- E. He fills you as you are baptized into Him, Acts 1:8; 2:4
- F. He enables you to function in His Gifts, 1 Cor. 12:7 & 11
- G. He releases your ministry at the proper time, Acts 13:2 & 4
- H. He gives anointings which enable you to fulfill your ministry, Isaiah 11:1-4; 61:1-3; Acts 10:38; John 14:12

PART TWO: A SURVEY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

I. The Active Agent at Creation

- A. "The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters." (Gen. 1:2 NASB) The idea of a bird, i.e. dove, as in John 1:29-32
- B. The full Godhead was involved in the general creation: Father *originated*, Son *executed*, Spirit *operated*. "The Holy Spirit is the chief administrator of all God's blessings" (unknown). The Word and the Spirit worked together in the execution of the divine plan (Psalm 33:6, "breath" = ruwach) .
- C. The Holy Spirit was involved in the pinnacle of Creation: man. Yahweh God formed man from the ground in His own image. Gen. 1:26; 5:1-2. The Spirit entered Him when the Father breathed into the clay nostrils of man. Gen. 2:7, "breath of lives" cf., Job 34:4.) The regeneration of man's inner being is pictured in John 20:22 and parallels the creation of man.



II. The Abiding Helper of Israel

- A. The Holy Spirit is seen through the OT (cf., John 7:39).
- B. He gave forth different "spirits" of God to empower for different service:
 - 1. The *spirit of wisdom* (Is. 11:2; cf., Eph. 1:17)
 - a. The makers of the priest's garments (Ex. 28:3)
 - b. Bezaleel and Aholiab to devise cunning works (Ex. 31:1-6; 35:30-36)

- c. Transferred from Moses to Joshua for leadership ability (Deut. 34:9)
- 2. *The spirit of prophecy* (cf., Rev. 19:10)
 - a. Transferred from Moses to 70 elders (Num. 11:17-29)
 - b. Came upon Saul after his anointing (1 Sam. 10:10-11)
 - c. Resulted in Zechariah's stoning (2 Ch. 24:20-21)
 - d. Turned David into "the sweet Psalmist of Israel" (2 Sam. 23:1-2)
- 3. *The spirit of might* (Is. 11:2; cf., Acts 1:8)
 - a. Gave Gideon boldness and power (Judges 6:34; cf., 6:14)
 - b. Gave Samson tremendous strength (Judges 14:6,19; 15:14)
- 4. *The spirit of judgment, the spirit of burning, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of knowledge, the spirit of the fear of the Lord* (Is. 4:4; 11:2)
 - C. The Holy Spirit anointed different individuals for different purposes
 - 1. He came upon PRIESTS so they could minister unto the Lord and serve as intermediaries (Ex. 29:7; Lev. 21:10; Num. 18:8)
 - 2. He came upon KINGS so they could govern wisely and victoriously (1 Sam. 10:1-2; 16:12-13; 1 Kings 19:16)
 - 3. He came upon PROPHETS so they could speak on God's behalf (1 Kings 19:16; Ez. 2:2; 3:12, 14; 37:1; 43:5)
- D. The Holy Spirit is seen in various symbols, emblems, and manifestations throughout the OT.
 - 1. The *Shekinah*, or luminescent cloud (Ex. 13:21-22; 14:19-20, 24; 16:10; 19:9, 16; 24:16, 18; 34:5; 40:34-38; Lev. 16:2; Num. 9:15-22; 10:11-12, 34; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chron. 5:13-14)
 - 2. The Pillar of Fire and burning coals (Ex. 13:21-22; Is. 4:5; 5:24; 6:6)
 - 3. The Holy Anointing Oil (Ex. 30:22-33; Ps. 133:2-3; Zec. 4:1-6)
 - 4. The Former and Latter Rain (Ps. 72:6; Hosea 6:3; Joel 2:23; Zec. 10:1), the Dew of Zion (Ps. 133:3), the Rivers from the Rock (Ex. 17:6; Ps. 78:20), Streams in the Desert (Is. 35:6)

- E. The Holy Spirit enabled an eighty year old man, Moses, to deliver a nation of slaves from the greatest military power on earth. He gave a simple shepherd, David, astounding writing ability. He enabled a common man, Bezaleel, to make exquisite, ornate decoration while in a barren desert. He revealed the future to nobodies (Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel and others). He gave a discouraged former captive, Zerubbabel, ability to complete the building of the Temple.

III. The Invisible Secret of Jesus' Ministry

- A. A survey of the NT reveals abundant information about the Holy Spirit.
- B. The Holy Spirit was the invisible secret to Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Jesus lived in total dependence on His unseen co-worker.



1. Impossible Incarnation (Luke 1:34-35; Matt. 1:20)
2. Sinless Life (Matt. 4:1-11; cf., Eph. 6:17)
3. Miraculous Ministry (Matthew 12:28; Luke 4:18; cf., Is. 61:1-3; Acts 10:38)
4. Vicarious Death (Heb. 9:14)
5. Bodily Resurrection (Rom. 1:4; 8:11)

IV. The Power of the Early Church

- A. The Twelve knew the Holy Spirit by observation of His workings through Jesus (John 14:17)
- B. Jesus promised them they would do even more miraculous works that He had done as a result of the Spirit (John 14:12)
- C. They were "to go into all the world" but not before they had been "endued with power." (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8) The "power" (Greek – *dunamis*) refers to "inherent ability of anything" (Vine), in this case, the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:33)
- D. Peter's shadow and Paul's handkerchief's were special signs as well as the ordinary laying on of hands (Acts 5:12-16; 8:6-7; 19:11-12)

V. The Epistles Teach More About Him Than Any Other Section

- A. Paul discussed the Holy Spirit more than any other writer, including Luke. Romans 8, with 17 references, has been called "the Holy Spirit chapter."

- B. The intercessory ministry of the Holy Spirit is only discussed by Paul and Jude (Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18; Jude 20, 21)
- C. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are discussed at length in 1 Corinthians chapters 12 – 14 and mentioned in other passages (Rom. 12:6; 2 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; Hebrews 2:4). 1 Corinthians 12 – 14 is the most complete teaching on the *charismata* of the Holy Spirit.
- D. His end time importance is seen in Revelation in at least 15 specific references.

PART THREE: AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I. Consider the source - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3.

- A. (v. 1) The word *gifts* is not in Greek text, better *spirituals* (plural) i.e., "persons manifesting spirit" (not necessarily the Holy Spirit).

Ignorance concerning spiritual gifts is not restricted to our day ("ignorant" = without information).

- B. (v.2) Refers to their experiences with supernatural or preternatural phenomenon prior to conversation. Note, "Gentiles" and "idols" compares with 10:19-20 where **demons** are emphasized. "Led" is the same verb is used with the Holy Spirit in Romans 8:14.

C. (v.3) Shows them that any extraordinary speech which exalts Jesus can only proceed from the Holy Spirit. Demons do, in fact, call Him "accursed." Agrees with John 16:14, Rev. 19:10.

D. Listen to David's explanation of the counterfeit vs. the genuine based on Luke 10:17-20 and 11:11-13. Have you witnessed demonstrations which did not proceed from the Holy Spirit?

II. Compare the Gifts, Ministries and Results to the Godhead

- A. (v. 4-6) This passage shows how everything relates and works together and how God relates to Himself in Three Persons in the process.
- B. The word "varieties" (Greek - *diarsis*). The Apostle is stressing that certain gifts are distributed to certain people (not the same to all), cf., Cor. 12:28-31 (substitute "all" with "some" and "any").
- C. Tie each member of the Godhead to each outward function.

III. The Gifts Open To Everyone

- A. (v. 17-11) The first and the last verse stress the universality of the Holy Spirit gifts for all believers. Different from the Law Covenant, but in accordance with Moses' desire. (Num. 11:29)
- B. (v. 7) "Manifestation" (Greek *phanerosis*) = "a public display or demonstration which includes others." "Every man" same as in v. 11 refers to "man" as a specie of being rather than male vs. female (cf., Acts 2:16-17; 21:9; I Cor. 11:5) or mature vs. immature ("sons and daughters shall...") "To profit withal" (Greek – *sumphero*) = to bring together to profit everyone.
- C. (v. 11) Same theme as v. 7. Paul is encouraging them both before and after he lists these *charismata*. "Worketh" (Greek- *energeo*) = to energize, to activate, set into operation. "Dividing" (Greek – *diaireo*) = "to take from one and give to another." Listen to discussion on this word.
- D. (v. 8-10) The actual listing reveals nine gifts with three gifts in each group of three: POWER GROUP = gifts which DO; VOCAL GROUP = gifts which SAY; REVELATION GROUP = gifts which SHOW.
 - 1. **POWER GROUP** = Gifts of Healings, Workings of Miracles, Gift of Faith
 - 2. **VOCAL GROUP** = Prophecy, Kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues
 - 3. **REVELATION GROUP** = Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits



PART FOUR: HOW THE GIFTS OPERATE

I. Power, Love, and a Sound Mind

- A. 2 Timothy 1:6-7 The main enemy to manifesting gifts is **FEAR**. Notice, "power, love and a sound mind" is a synonym for the Holy Spirit!
- B. Paul's letter to the Corinthians follows the same pattern: chapter 12, "Divine Energy" (power); chapter 13, "Divine Agape" (love); chapter 14, "Divine Harmony" (sound mind).
- C. Power (Greek – *dunamis*) is received when the Holy Spirit is received. Love is poured out by Him also (Rom. 5:5), but must be cultivated and pursued. A sound mind is a result of power and love working together in balance (Energy + Agape = Harmony).



II. The Need for Discipline

- A. When power is manifested without love, confusion results, hence, all of chapter 14! Notice, Paul only corrected the demonstration of the VOCAL GROUP gifts! (It takes more yieldedness to manifest the POWER and REVELATION GROUPS.)
- B. All gifts are subject to church authority and are to be judged (I Corinthians 14:29, 33).

PART FIVE: HOW THE GIFTS ARE RECEIVED AND MINISTERED

I. Love is a More Excellent Way

- A. I Corinthians 14:1 is a key to entering the gifts. Most have majored on power and missed this important key. Jesus was "moved with compassion" resulting in Holy Spirit manifestations. (Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; Mark 1:41; 5:19; 6:34; 8:22; 9:22; Luke 7:13; 10:33; 1 Peter 3:8)
- B. Faith, which is necessary to operating Spiritual gifts (Mark 11:23-24; Rom. 12:3, 6) is *energized* by love (Gal. 5:6)
- C. Take "the Love test" (1 Cor. 13:4-8). Be quick to repent of "lovelessness". The communion of the Holy Spirit in your life will cause you to grow in the love of God.

II. Other Keys for Effective Ministry

- A. Believing ON Jesus more than believing FOR results (John 7:38; John 6:28-29)
- B. Acknowledging the ability of Christ IN you (2 Cor. 13:5; Col. 1:27; 1 John 4:4)
- C. Focus on your strengths in Christ (Philemon 6).
- D. Reality worship (John 4:23-24)
- E. Desire the gifts to operate through you (1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1; 14:39; John 14:13-14; 16:24; James 4:2)

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