

Opening: Acts 1:8

Pneumatology- The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The value of this Study- We can to understand the wonderful promises, power, and ministries of the Holy Spirit. Understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church today is critical for living out a victorious Christian life. We have been given everything we need to live spiritually successful lives in Christ. We need to learn how to walk in fellowship with the Spirit, and to submit to everything He has come to do in and through us.

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit. “By this we mean that the Holy Spirit in a person, one of the three persons of the God-head. He is not a mere force or influence, but is a person.”

A. Proof of His personality.

1. Personal Pronouns. John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:7-14.
2. Personal acts attributed to Him.
 - He teaches-- John 14:26
 - He reproves-- John 16:8
 - He leads --Gal. 5:18
 - He commands and appoint-- Acts 13:2, 4, 20:28
 - He speaks to the heart. Gal. 4:6
 - He intercedes-- Romans 8:26
 - He regenerates-- John 3:6
3. He is referred to as a person in treatment.
 - He may be grieved. Eph. 4:30
 - He may be lied to. Acts 5:3
 - Men may quench Him. I Thess. 5:19
 - Men may blaspheme against Him. Matt. 12:31

II. His Deity

A. He Possesses divine attributes.

1. He is eternal-- Hebrews 9:14
2. He is Omnipresent--Psalm 139:7-10

B. He performs divine works.

1. Creation – Job 33:4, Is. 40:12-13
2. The giving of scripture. II Peter 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:16

C. He is linked with the other members of the Godhead when only diety is in view.

1. Matthew 28:19- “Baptizing them in the name (singular) of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 3:16-17
2. 2 Corinthians 13:14- He is mentioned along with the rest of diety.
3. Romans 8:9-11 “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you... He will also give you life.”

D. He is called God.

1. II Cor. 3:17-18, Acts 5:3-4, I Cor. 6:19-20.

III. Symbols of the Holy Spirit.

A. Dove – Matthew 3:16 – It's a picture of Purity (righteousness) and innocence.

B. Living Water – John 7:37-39 – Cleansing of new birth and regeneration.

C. Wind – John 3:3-8 – Not visible to the human eye yet the effects were clear.

D. Wine – Ephesians 5:18 – To be controlled by.

E. Seal – Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30 – Authentication, a guarantee, a finished transaction, and ownership.

F. Oil – I Samuel 16:13 – Anointing in Oil was a picture of cleansing, healing, and being set-apart.

IV. His Work.

A. How it differs today from the Old Testament.

1. Place: In the Old Testament He came in and upon men often to empower them for a specific task. Judges 6:34, I Chronicles 12:18, II Chron. 24:20, Gen. 41:38.

- In the church age He takes up residence in men. I Cor. 6:19-20

2. Persons: In the Old Testament He came upon certain men. I Samuel 16:13

- In the New Testament He indwells every believer. Ephesians 1:14-15

3. Duration: In the Old Testament He came and went. Psalm 51:10-11

- In the church age He permanently indwells every believer. Eph. 4:30

B. Jesus said the ministry of the Holy Spirit would change after His departure.

1. John 14:16-17, 26

- The Spirit's coming in a unique way was future.

- He will abide with them forever.

- He is with them, but shall be in them.

- He will teach them all things.

2. He could not come in this way until Christ goes away. John 16:7-15

- He would reveal the rest of God's Word and plan.

- He would serve as a seal of the redeemed after the cross. Eph. 1:13-14