

Pneumatology 3- The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

I. His Work Pre/post Pentecost.

- A. 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
- B. John 7:37-39
 - The Holy Spirit would be given in this unique way to those whom believe, and Jesus would be glorified prior to this taking place.

II. The Ministry of the Spirit today. "By this we mean the work of the Spirit from the day of Pentecost until the rapture of the church or the end of the church age. It's important to see His unique working during the age of the church. A whole new relationship began on the day of Pentecost, and failure to recognize this will result in confusion from his differing work in the Old Testament." - Chafer

- A. Convicting- John 16:7-11 "To bring to light or expose"
 - 1. He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
 - 2. It's important to understand that this is a work of the Holy Spirit, and ultimately we cannot take truth to the heart of another man on our own.
- B. Restraining- II Thessalonians 2:6-8
 - 1. 2:8 "He who restrains" The words are masculine: ho katechon. We are talking about a person with sufficient supernatural power to restrain sin. John 16- He does this restraining work through believers whom He indwells. As we walk in obedience and proclaim the truth we are battling against the enemy. Eph. 6
 - 2. If He is taken out of the way prior to the man of sin (antichrist) being revealed then logically the rapture must proceed the tribulation period. We are sealed. Ephesians 1:14-16, 4:30
- C. Regeneration- John 3:6-7, Titus 3:5, Romans 8:11
 - 1. One becomes a child of God by actual generation. "Another word for regeneration is rebirth, from which we get the phrase "born again." To be born again is opposed to, and distinguished from, our first birth, when we were conceived in sin. The new birth is a spiritual, holy, and heavenly birth signified by a being made alive in a spiritual sense.
 - 2. Positionally we are reminded that we are a new creation, and the Holy Spirit brings about the practical transformation of the new creation.
- D. Sealing- Ephesians 1:14-15, 4:30, II Cor. 1:22
 - 1. It signifies a finished transaction, ownership, something that could not be rescinded(Daniel 6), authenticity (John 6:27), safety, and security.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit is a reminder that Jesus paid it all! Hebrews 10:10-18

From last week: Verses that show God will take the life of a believer in extreme cases of divine discipline. Acts 5:1-2, James 5:19-20, I Cor. 11:28-32, I John 5:16-17.