

## The Holy Spirit #5

**INTRO:** Good to be back with the Vineyard! Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving time with family and friends. Connie and I sure did enjoy our break. We've been looking at Scripture with a focus on the Third Person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit. Our base Scripture is Acts 2:1-12 about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered disciples in the Upper Room. This passage contains the question we are looking to answer, "*What can this mean?*" We all need to understand Who the Holy Spirit is and how we can learn to communicate with God within us!

Word for the week: **1 John 2:1-6 Living Bible**

*My little children, I am telling you this so that you will stay away from sin. But if you sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. His name is Jesus Christ, the one who is all that is good and who pleases God completely. He is the one who took God's wrath against our sins upon himself, and brought us into fellowship with God and he is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only ours but all the world's.*

*And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By looking within ourselves: are we really trying to do what he wants us to?*

*Someone may say, "I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ." But if he doesn'T do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar. But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more and more. That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian. Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did.*

**I) John 14:11-31 NKJV** *is Jesus telling His Disciples that He is leaving but will send a Helper,*

- 1) V. 16 Jesus promised to send another Comforter
- 2) The Greek word Paracletos is one called or sent alongside to help another...another translation might be an advocate or comforter. The verb form of this word means to exhort and reminds us of the Holy Spirit's role in guiding and directing us into God's will.
- 3) Now as believers, we have two advocates, Jesus in Heaven praying and interceding for us has dealt with the accuser and The Holy Spirit in us to guide, comfort, strengthen and exhort!
- 4) Satan will gladly work to help us forget this tremendous gift and blessing that is to empower us to live as our Lord Jesus lived.
- 5) Every sin problem or event in our lives is dealt with by the Lord Jesus!
  - (a) We need to take it too Him to speed the process!
  - (b) The Lord Jesus is our advocate for our sin
  - (c) The HOLY SPIRIT is our advocate for empowerment, guidance, and comfort
  - (d) The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, but it is Jesus' role to forgive sins –that is delegation of power in the Trinity
  - (e)

**II) Romans 8:26-27 NKJV** *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Or from the MESSAGE it reads: *Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God.**

- A) Have you ever been so tired or exhausted that you didn't know what to say when you wanted to pray?
- 1) The Holy Spirit indwells us to help is in times of ignorance, infirmities, and especially in intercession
  - 2) We are responsible for doing what God calls us to do—to live in such a way that the Holy Spirit will live in and saturate our beings
  - 3) The Holy Spirit helps us pray when we don't know how or what to pray
  - 4) The Holy Spirit makes intercession in line with God's Word – after all, He wrote it!
  - 5) We need to learn to allow the Holy Spirit to pray for us and through us!

B) The Great End Result of Receiving the Holy Spirit

- 1) To do the great and high calling of our Lord Jesus
- 2) Qualifies us for highest and most effective service to the Lord—winning people to Christ!
- 3) Sadly, we have somewhat lost this in the church
- 4) Everything we do as believers and the Body of Christ is toward offering the Gospel message to the lost
- 5) We receive many more benefits from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but the great aim is our consecrated usefulness within the framework of the Kingdom of God. The whole framework is to win the lost and it is for this reason that Jesus gave His life!
- 6) Never forget this... we can get caught up in the amazing supernatural life in the spirit and forget that that life we can now enjoy has one purpose... to empower us to be used to reach the lost with the Gospel and that Jesus paid the price for our gift and eternal life with His very life!

III) **John 16:7-11 NKJV** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

A) Jesus said He had to go so that the Helper could come to us!

B) How can we know that Jesus rose from the dead?

- 1) Proof is that the Holy Spirit came to us!
- 2) We are the proof of the resurrection because the Holy Spirit indwells us!

C) Sputnik story...

- 1) Soviets launched and announced it was up there. For the most part we could not see it. US Scientists could not find it, but did know it had gone up. There were listening stations around the world that heard its “beep beep” and if they knew its code could tell it was up there in orbit. It was known that the beep beep could only be heard and verified if it was actually up there and in orbit.
- 2) Day of Pentecost was the same sort of thing. The spiritual beep beep was the tongues that listeners heard. It drove Satan to anger! We have the inward evidence of the risen Christ when we have the infilling of the Holy Spirit! We have to be sensitively tuned to be able to hear the beep beep in the spiritual realm.
- 3) When we are tuned into the Holy Spirit, He will direct our steps and show us what we need to see and know to share the Gospel and keep on the right path!