

Topic: *The Holy Spirit*

Text: John 16: 7

Memory verse: Acts 1:8. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (NJV).*

Introduction: *The Holy Spirit is very important in the life of every Christian. The Lord Jesus describes him as the Counselor (comforter). John 16:7.*

1. The personality of the Holy Spirit.

(a) The Holy Spirit is a person, hence the use of personal pronoun "He and HIM" for him (John 16:7-8).

(b) Other characteristics of a person ascribed to the Holy Spirit are

(i) Intelligence. John 14:26.

(ii) Will. Acts 16:7

(iii) Emotion. Eph 4.30, Lk 12: 12.

2. The Holy Spirit is divine:

That the Holy Spirit is God is an essential article of faith for the child of God. We are baptized in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 38: 19.

Some of the Divine Qualities of the Holy Spirit are:

(a) He is present everywhere. Ps. 139:7-10

(b) He knows everything. Isaiah 40: 13-14

(c) He has power to do everything. I Cor. 12: 11

(d) He gives life to the body. Rom. 8: 11, John 6:63

3. The importance of the Holy Spirit to the Believer

- (a) He gives the believer defense and speaks for the believer before judgment. Matt. 10: 18-20
- (b) He lives within the believer always. John 14: 16-17
- (c) He empowers for service. Acts 1:8
- (d) He guides into all truth. John 16: 14
- (e) He directs the movements and activities of believers. Acts 10: 19-20, Acts 16:6-7
- (t) He teaches and remembers for the believer. John 14:26
- (g) He converts the world. John 16:7-11.

4. **The Holy Spirit is a promise of the Father to ALL believers.** Acts 1:4; 2:38-39; 10:41-45.

5. **The presence of the Holy Spirit:** Read Acts 2: 1-4; 4:31-37; 5: 3;

Acts 8: 14-25; 9: 17-22; 10:44-48; 19:1-6; 6: 1-15; 13: 14; 16:6-7; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12: 1-11.

- (a) What evidence do you have of the Holy Spirit filling in each of the passages above?
- (b) Point out the similarities and differences in the various experiences.
- (c) Is it possible to have the same differences today?

6. How to receive the promise:

- (a) Obedience is essential. John 14: 15-16
- (b) A desire (thirst) for Him is necessary. John.7:37-39
- (c) Act in faith until you receive. Mark 11 :24; Luke 11 :9-13.

7. Daily evidence of the Holy Spirit filled life

- (a) A witnessing life. Acts 1 :8; John 15 :26
- (b) Life glorifying Christ. John 16:14
- (c) Exhibiting the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

Conclusion

May the Lord fill you with His Spirit as you ask. seek and knock; He will empower you for a fruitful service in Jesus name. Amen. "Be filled with the Spirit. " (Eph.5: 18).