

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Part 11

John 6:63; 15:26; 16:8

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life...But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me ...And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

3) NEW TESTAMENT ACTIVITIES (cont.)

(E) Christ and the Holy Spirit.

- 1. NT PREPARATION WORK (The Holy Spirit's preparation of Christ).**
- 2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CHRIST'S TEACHING**
- 3. THE MYSTIC-UNION BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

4. THE SAINTS AND THE SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit's work in the corporate body of the saints:

- (1) The Holy Spirit brought the church into being** (Acts 2:1-4; 1Cor.12:13-27; Acts 2:47).
- (2) The Holy Spirit is the source of church unity** (Gal.3:27-28; Eph.4:3-4; 1 Cor.12:12-26).
- (3) The Holy Spirit fashions the church into His temple** (Eph.2:22; 1 Cor.6:19; 2 Cor.6:16; 1 Pet.2:5).
- (4) The Holy Spirit bestows His gifts upon the church** (1 Cor.12:11; Eph.4:11-12; 1 Pet.4:10).
- (5) The Holy Spirit governs and controls the church** (Acts 13:2; 20:28; 13:4,8,9; 16:6-7; 15:28).

For example the Holy Spirit:

1. calls the apostles to serve God (Acts 13:2; 20:28).
2. guides and sustains them in their ministry (Acts 13:4,8,9; 16:6-7).
3. inspires their decisions (Acts 15:28).
4. communicates divine messages to the church (Revelation 2,3).

(6) The Holy Spirit supplies all that is necessary for the church's growth (Acts 9:31; Lk.24:49).

(7) The Holy Spirit always magnifies Christ as the Head of the church (John 16:13-14).

The Holy Spirit's working in the individual believer:

-Let us now examine the individual aspect of the Spirit's work, and discover just what He accomplishes when He makes the believer a member of Christ's body.

(1) The Holy Spirit's ministry of incorporation (Lk.1:41).

-This ministry of incorporation works in a twofold way. The NT talks about (1) the *filling* of the Spirit and, (2) the *fullness* of the Spirit. Both of these terms describe the actions of the Holy Spirit as He seeks to incorporate Himself, or fuse and integrate Himself, into the lives and hearts of believers who are submissive and obedient to His sway.

(a) The Filling of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41,67; Acts 4:8,31; 9:17; 13:9,52; Eph.5:18).

- (b) The Fullness of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 6:3; 7:55; 11:24).
- (2) The Holy Spirit's blessed incoming** (Rom.8:9).

APPLICATION

1. Are you interested in seeing the increase of the Holy Spirit's power and presence in the body of Christ?
2. Have you ever been filled with the Holy Spirit during times of special need?
3. Do you seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

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