



Jesus and the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit is the key to your relationship with God.” Terry Virgo

- The importance of being theologically convinced

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

The Jews would have been familiar with the Spirit coming upon people.

- Moses- The Spirit comes upon the 70 elders. Numbers 11:15-17
- Judges 6:34 “then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him”
- 1 Samuel 16:13 “So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. “Samuel then went to Ramah.
- Puzzling passage in Joel.

The LORD Will Pour Out His Spirit
2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

John the Baptist

Jesus will do 2 things:

- i) “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! “
- ii) “this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit” Jn1:24-34

But its not until later in Jesus’ ministry that we see him mention the Holy Spirit.

The upper room discourses

John 15:26 is a great example.

26"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."

Also

Jn 16:6 "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
7Nevertheless, 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 go, I will send him to you."

The promise is that once Jesus has been glorified then the HS will come.

- Acts 1:1 In the first book, OTheophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

Acts 2:2 "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit comes <u>after</u> the disciples become Christians

One minute they're leaderless, perplexed and fearful, the next minute they're preaching on the streets, seeing miracles and build a church of over 3000 in 3 days.

And in the space of 30 years, this unimpressive bunch of uneducated, Tim nice but dim, yokles saw , took the gospel to the edge of the known civilisation, and saw 10s of 1000s saved. And all the while the mightiest superpower the world had ever known – the Roman empire was utterly powerless to do anything about it.

Jesus was not creating a powerless people but a people with power

Eph 5:18 "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit"

Baptism in the Holy Spirit after conversion.

Acts chp8: 9-24 Samaria "Philip goes down to Samaria" people clearly converted, they are baptised. Then vs15

"they sent to them Peter and John, 15who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9. Paul becomes a Christian on the Damascus road. Then in Acts9 Annais refers to Paul as his brother, because he's already become a Christian. 3 days after salvation Paul gets baptised in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19: 1And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

How to receive the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:9-13 explains.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The passage says that we need to ask, seek and knock.

1/ Firstly - need to ask.

Come before God and simply ask him to fill you with the Holy spirit. If we don't ask if don't get - it's a simple as that.

2/ Need to seek

Sometimes God will not answer right away. Often he does, but sometimes we need to persevere in our asking. Scripture says that it's by faith AND patience that we inherit the promises.

3/ Knock

What does it mean to knock? Knocking is an action

For some of us this will be another step in our relationship with him. For others, this may be the first time they have asked the holy spirit into their lives.

Speaking in tongues

Usual experience is praying is the gift of tongues. The decision to pray or not to pray rests with us. Its not 'automatic speech'.

"The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit."

I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit for Him.'

- Involves obedience on our part - e.g. Elisha and the widow, Peter getting out of the boat.
- Make the most of the gift - don't neglect it.

Other resources:

- Surprised by the power of the spirit - Jack Deere
- KA Website, Terry Virgo podcast [terry_receiving_holyspirit.mp3](#)