

Introduction

- I. One of the many gifts God has given to us through Christ is the Holy Spirit.
- II. The work of the Holy Spirit is like that sound as of a mighty, rushing wind.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

I. How He Was Given

- A. The Holy Spirit was given to fulfill the promises of God in the OT.
 1. The prophecy of Isaiah 11:2 was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, Who is the Anointed One.
 2. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the church in fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel 2:28ff.
- B. May we understand what an amazing gift this is to the church!
 1. The first work of Jesus Christ after His exaltation was to send out the Holy Spirit.
 2. Acts 2:4 says they were filled with the Holy Spirit. What does this mean?
 3. The church has become the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in the church.

II. What He Does

- A. He makes us, by a true faith, partaker of Christ and all His benefits.
 1. Christ is the life of the church.
 2. This relationship is made possible by work of the Holy Spirit.
- B. What are the benefits or blessings the Spirit works in us?
 1. Regeneration - John 3:3.
 2. Calling and Faith
 3. Justification
 4. Sanctification

III. What We Learn

- A. Christ sent His Spirit to abide with the church forever.
- B. The Holy Spirit's presence in our lives is the assurance that we have all that Jesus earned for us.