

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit - 06/09/19

TEXT – 1 Co 14:26-34 *How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue,*

INTRO – We are living in the Age of the Spirit. - The Old Testament period may be called the **Age of the Father; - The period covered by the Gospels, the **Age of the Son**; - From Pentecost until the second advent of CHRIST, the **Age of the Spirit**.**

I. The Creation by the Holy Spirit

Gen 1:2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

Job 33:4 *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*

II. The Conviction of the Holy Spirit

Joh 16:8 *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

Act 5:32 *And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

III. The Conversion by the Holy Spirit

Many can testify to the blessing that came into their lives when they came to know the Holy Spirit, not merely as a gracious influence. . . but as an ever-present, loving friend and helper.

Joh 3:3-5 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4*

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Tit 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

IV. The Sealing by the Holy Spirit

Rom 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

1 Co 3:16 *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Eph 1:13-14 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Gal 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

The sealing has to do with the heart and the conscience - satisfying both as to the settlement of the sin and sonship question

V. The Coming of the Holy Spirit

John 16:13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

VI. The Empowering Fullness of the Holy Spirit

Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

Sometime back the Associated Press carried this dispatch: "Glasgow, Ky.--Leslie Puckett, after struggling to start his car, lifted the hood and discovered that someone had stolen the motor."

Gen 41:38 *And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?*

Exo 31:2-3 *See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,*

Acts 10:38 - *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power."*

1 Co 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

. The eighth chapter of Romans exhibits a victorious life for the believer; a life so different from that depicted in the seventh chapter.

And the difference lies in the fact that the Holy Spirit is hardly, if at all, mentioned in the seventh chapter, while in the eighth He is mentioned over twelve times. The Spirit in the heart is the secret of victory over sin. Then note how the Holy Spirit produces the blessed fruit of the Christian life (Galatians 5:22, 23). There are three groups: - **The first**, in relation to GOD - love, joy, peace; - **The second**, in relation to our fellowman - longsuffering,

gentleness, goodness; - **The third**, for our individual Christian life - faith, meekness, self-control.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GUIDE OF THE BELIEVER'S LIFE.

Galatians 5:16, 25 - "Walk in the Spirit." There is no detail of the believer's life that may not be under the control and direction of the Spirit. "The steps and, 'the stops' of a good man are ordered by the Lord." The Holy Spirit guides the believer as to the field in which he should labor. How definitely this truth is taught in the Acts 8:27-29; 16:6, 7; 13:2-4. What a prominent part the Spirit played in selecting the fields of labor for the apostles!

First, for knowledge and teaching. 1 Co 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Second, for service. How dependent CHRIST was upon the Holy Spirit for power in which to perform the duties of life is clear from such passages as **Luke 4:18** - "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach,*" Also **Acts 10:38** - "*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good.*"

Third, for consecration. Three classes of persons in the Old Testament were anointed: the prophet, the priest, and the king. The result of anointing was consecration –

OFFENCES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

a) RESISTING THE HOLY GHOST Acts 7:51- "*Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.*" Here the picture is that of the Holy Spirit attacking the citadel of the soul of man, who violently resists the gracious attempts of the Spirit to win him. In spite of the plainest arguments and the most incontestable facts, this man willfully rejects the evidence and refuses to accept the CHRIST so convincingly presented. Thus is the Holy Ghost resisted. (See Acts 6:10.) That this is a true picture of resistance to the Holy Spirit is clearly seen from Stephen's recital of the facts in Acts 7:51-57.

b) INSULTING, OR DOING DESPITE UNTO THE HOLY SPIRIT Hebrews 10:29 (cf. Luke 18:32). It is the work of the Spirit to present the atoning work of CHRIST to the sinner as the ground of his pardon. When the sinner refuses to believe or accept the testimony of the Spirit, he thereby insults the Spirit by esteeming the whole work of CHRIST as a deception and a lie, or accounts the death of CHRIST as the death of an ordinary or common man, and not as GOD's provision for the sinner.

c) BLASPHEMING THE HOLY SPIRIT Matthew 12:31, 32.

There is no forgiveness for this sin.

2. Offences Committed by the Believer.

a) GRIEVING THE SPIRIT Ephesians 4:30, 31;

b) LYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 5:3, 4. The sin of lying to the Spirit is very prominent when consecration is most popular. We stand up and say, "I surrender all" when in our hearts we know that we have not surrendered all. Yet, like Ananias, we like to have others believe that we have consecrated our all.

c) QUENCHING THE SPIRIT I Thessalonians 5:19 - "*Quench not the Spirit.*" The thought of quenching the Spirit seems to be used in connection with fire: "" (Matthew 12:20); "Quench the fiery darts" (Ephesians 6:16).

CONCL – Our relationship to the Holy Spirit is crucial to victory.

"May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God's presence and not a moment without the entire surrender of my self as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love." --Andrew Murray.