

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- A. God the Holy Spirit
- B. Proceeds from the Father and the Son

II. What has the Holy Spirit done?

- A. Old Testament
  - i. Creation (Genesis 1:1, 26; see 2 Tim. 3:15)
- B. New Testament (see back; Luke 1:67-79; Luke 1:41; 4:18ff.; 10:21; Ps 51:11; Acts 2 (in Jerusalem); 4:31 (together, while praying after persecution, Jerusalem); 8:14-17 (subsequent to repentance and baptism, through the laying on of hands, Samaria); 9:17 (Saul only, Damascus); 10:44-45 (while Peter is preaching, Cornelius and his household, Caesarea); 19:6 (through Paul, former followers of John, now believing in Jesus, Ephesus))
- C. History
  - i. best resource: *Joy Unspeakable: Power & Renewal in the Holy Spirit* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
  - ii. revival: when lots of people “get” the Gospel at the same time (Tim Keller)
  - iii. stories of miraculous works of the Spirit abound from the earliest days fo the church
  - iv. reformation – including Dutch and Scottish Reformations – requires revival
  - v. 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> century Revivals in Great Britain, America
  - vi. George Whitefield, John and Charles Wesley, Jonathan Edwards

III. What can the Holy Spirit do now?

- A. “Ordinary” work of the Spirit
- B. “Extraordinary” work of the Spirit (1 Peter 1:8; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians)
- C. Two dangers: loving the gifts more than the giver and cessationism
- D. The Holy Spirit testifies, inwardly and outwardly, ordinarily and extraordinarily, to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

IV. What do we need now?

- A. What we *don't* mainly need ...
- B. We need the Holy Spirit to fill us with:
- C. Embrace the Gospel
- D. Pray for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)

## *The Holy Spirit in the New Testament ...*

- conceived Jesus in the womb of the virgin Mary
- rested on and filled Jesus, enabling him to preach and practice the Gospel of the kingdom
- testified to Jesus' sonship
- is God along with the Father and the Son
- empowers worship
- guides God's people into understanding the truth about Jesus
- is a gift of God, promised by Jesus to those who ask
- is a gift of God, promised by Jesus to enable those who witness in his name
- is for those who repent, believe the Gospel, and are baptized
- is something with which we can be "baptized"
- cannot be received by the world
- comforts and helps
- heals
- gives life (spiritual and physical)
- is given by God without measure
- cannot be bought
- anointed and empowered Jesus for his ministry
- gives life
- lets us put to death the deeds of the old nature
- causes us to believe the truth of the Gospel
- dwells within us and among us
- is received by faith
- guides the mission of the church
- guides the decision-making of the church
- witnesses that those who receive him belong to God
- establishes pastors and elders as the overseers of the church
- is the Spirit of Christ as well as the Spirit of God the Father
- makes us heirs of Abraham
- makes us God's children by adoption
- cannot be understood by those who have not received him
- bears fruit
- frees us from the condemnation of the law
- makes us able to hope
- seals our redemption
- guarantees the conclusion of our salvation
- enables us to worship God
- is given for the common good of the church, not just individual believers
- reveals and conceals
- softens and hardens hearts
- binds believers together in fellowship
- can be quenched, tested, lied to, grieved, and blasphemed
- gives joy and assurance of God's love
- gives power, love, and self-control
- gives wisdom and understanding
- works signs and miracles
- gives gifts to believers
- witnesses to the truth of God's word (Old Testament and New Testament, internally and externally)
- inspires the prophets
- inspires scripture
- causes us to be born again (regeneration)
- raises the dead – including Jesus!
- applies the word to our hearts in sanctification
- wars against the old nature in the believer's heart
- empowers prayer
- rests on those who are persecuted for the name of Christ
- is sinned against when Jesus is rejected