

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHRISTIAN

Scripture Reading Acts 1:8—8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

A New Series: There has been a lot of confusion regarding the Holy Spirit, the agency of the Holy Spirit, and God's Presence, Power, eternal future knowledge.¹

- [The Holy Spirit vs Angelology Series]

Why is it important for a Christian Study this Topic? For the Proper biblical view of God and the works of salvation.

The Holy Spirit & the Christian in Acts 1:8-see scripture reading

- I. The Promise of the Holy Spirit
- II. The Plan of the Holy Spirit
- III. The Power of the Holy Spirit
- IV. The Place of the Holy Spirit

I. THE PROMISE

“But ye shall receive power....”

Before Christ ascended, He told the disciples to wait until they were filled with power (Luke 24:49).

A. The Disciples receive the Holy Spirit.

- a. **Jn. 20:19-22**—19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

B. Jesus receives the Promised Holy Spirit from His Father

- a. **Acts 2:32-36**—32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

C. Jesus receives the Promised Holy Spirit at his inauguration in heaven.

¹ Houston D. Taylor and Croft M. Pentz, "Revised:, *Christian Life Outlines*, Dollar Sermon Library Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1975), 17–18" (speech, Sabbath Sermon, Obtaining Inward Light Ministries, Saucier, Mississippi, March 9, 2023).

- a. **Heb.1:4-14**—4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. {again...: or, when he bringeth again} 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. {And of: Gr. And unto} 8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. {righteousness: Gr. rightness, or, straightness} 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. 13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

II. THE PLAN (Plan, Promise, Purpose, and Power)

“... After the Holy Ghost is come upon you....”

A. Plan—Acts 1:1-5. Wait for the promise of **Luke 24:49**.

Acts 1:1-5—1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. {being...: or, eating together} 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Luke 24:49-50—49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

B. Promise—Acts 1:5. Christ promises that they would receive the Holy Spirit within a few days. [see above]

C. Purpose of the Holy Spirit

1. **Convicts of sin—John 16:8**—7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: {reprove: or, convince} 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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. 14 He shall glorify me: for he

shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

2. **Confirms salvation—Rom. 8:16**—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. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. {by: or, because of} 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
4. **Controls Christian—Gal. 5:16-17**—16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. {ye...: or, fulfil not} 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

D. **Power**—Power to do God's work. Paul had this power when he spoke of doing all things through Christ (**Phil. 4:13**—13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.).

III. THE POWER

“... And ye shall be witnesses unto me....”

Witness means to give proof of something.

A. The Power of God toward Christians:

a. **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

b. **1 Corinthians 1:18**

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

c. **Luke 1:69**

And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant—

d. **1 Corinthians 4:20**

For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.

e. **1 Corinthians 2:4**

and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

f. **1 Thessalonians 1:5**

for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

- B. All Power is given to Christ and the Christian receives that power to witness. Matt. 28: **Matt. 28:16-20**—16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {teach...: or, make disciples, or, Christians of all nations} 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- C. Proof of His satisfying power—Phil. 4:7-- 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- G. Power to work—Zech. 4:6. Let the Spirit work through you.
Zech.4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

IV. THE PLACE

“... Both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

- A. Jerusalem—hometown area. Spread the gospel.
B. Judea—home state. Spread the gospel to all in your state.
C. Samaria—the nation.
D. Uttermost parts—foreign missions.

Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures (Mark 16:15).²

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