

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

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Act 2:1- 21 When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. (2) Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. (4) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. (5) There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. (6) When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. (7) In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! (8) How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? (9) We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, (10) from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, (11) both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia---yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" (12) Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, "What does this mean?" (13) But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!" (14) Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. (15) These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. (16) Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about: (17) 'This is what I will do in the last days, God says: I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. (18) Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message. (19) I will perform miracles in the sky above and wonders on the earth below. There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke; (20) the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood, before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes. (21) And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'

1. The advent of the Holy Spirit.

The advent of the Holy Spirit is comparable to the advent of the coming of Jesus. The advent of the Holy Spirit and that of Jesus will not be repeated. We have one savior and one advocate.

Luke 24:49 And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you."

John 16:7 But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you.

John 16:8-14 And when he comes, he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin and about what is right and about God's judgment. (9) They are wrong about sin, because they do not believe in me; (10) they are wrong about what is right, because I am going to the Father and you will not see me any more; (11) and they are wrong about judgment, because the ruler of this world has already been judged. (12) "I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. (13) When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. (14) He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you.

2. The appearance of the Holy Spirit.

a. The day of Pentecost.

Pentecost mean “fifty days.” It was one of the annual feast of the Jews, when they celebrated the completion of the grain harvest. It came 50 days after Passover and was thus called Pentecost or “50.” (See Exod. 23:16-17; Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16: 9-17) It also celebrated the time of the giving of the law at Sinai. Passover was an appropriate time for Jesus to die, for in his death he established the new Passover. “Christ our passover is sacrificed for us” 1 Corinthians 5:7. So, Pentecost was an appropriate time for the Holy Spirit to enter His ministry. Jer. 31:31ff and Heb 8:8ff.

1Co 5:7 You must remove the old yeast of sin so that you will be entirely pure. Then you will be like a new batch of dough without any yeast, as indeed I know you actually are. For our Passover Festival is ready, now that Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

b. They had one (thumos) passion. (This is the word translated “one accord” in the KJV Acts 2:1)

ὁμοθυμαδόν homothumadon *hom-oth-oo-mad-on'* Adverb from a compound of the base of ὁμοῦ homou *hom-oo'* Genitive case of ὁμός homos (the same) as adverb; *at the same place or time: - together, and θυμός thumos *thoo-mos'* passion (as if *breathing hard*): - fierceness, indignation, wrath.*

c. Three miracles.

i) Sound

ii) Fire

iii) Languages

3. Peter's explanation.

Joel 2:28-29 “Afterward I will pour out my Spirit on everyone: your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions. (29) At that time I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, both men and women.

Act 10:28-33 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. (29) So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" (30) Cornelius answered: "Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me (31) and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. (32) Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' (33) So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

4. Repeated for the Gentiles. Acts 10:1 – 11:18 I called it, “The dawning of new truth.”

Cornelius's vision. Acts 10:1-10

Peter's vision. Acts 10:9-18

Peter met the messengers from Cornelius. 10:17-23

Peter went to Cornelius in Caesarea. 10:23-32

Controversy at Jerusalem Acts 11:1-18 (Not everyone will be happy if you make changes. Look at what happened to Peter when he returned. Also, isn't it interesting how the news arrived before he did.)

The accusation. 11:1-3

Peter's defense. 11:4-17

5. The message for the world has never changed since Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost.

The dignity of human personality means that God's love is for all.

God has no respect of persons. (of not for) All are saved the same way whether king or ditch digger.

Salvation is for everyone. That is we are all saved the same way through Jesus Christ.

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — (17) the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 16:7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

6. What does the Holy Spirit do for believers today?

a. The Holy Spirit gives you the power:

Of salvation.

John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. (6) Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

To walk in God's will.

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. . . .

To share Christ boldly.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power; (5) so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

To make a holy life.

Romans 8:5-6 People who are ruled by their desires think only of themselves. Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things. (6) If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

Galatians 5:16-17 So I say, live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your sinful nature wants you to do. (17) The sinful nature does not want what the Spirit delights in. And the Spirit does not want what the sinful nature delights in. The two are at war with each other. That's what makes

you do what you don't want to do.

To make a difference with Spiritual Gifts.

Hebrews 2:4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

1 Corinthians 12:7 The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

7. The Bible gives us some advice about the Holy Spirit.

Don't resist the Spirit.

Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

God's promise to you!

Acts 2:38-39 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Conclusion: Acts 7:51 shows us that it is possible to resist the Holy Spirit and to not be filled with him so when the Holy Spirit speaks to you today please do not resist Him. Do not be a stiff-necked people but a spirit-filled people ready to hear and do the Spirit's bidding.

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