

The Purpose and Power of the Holy Spirit

John 16:5-15, Acts 4:1-8

Introduction: Christian believers today seem to have a full understanding of God the Father and God the Son but God the Holy Spirit seems to be a more confusing and misunderstood person. It is vitally important to the believer today to understand the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself makes it very clear what the role of the Holy Spirit will be during the age of grace. Everything that is accomplished today to advance the Kingdom of God is done through the work of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- a. He is part of the Trinity from the beginning
- b. He participated in the Creation. Gen. 1:2
- c. He is the author of the Old Testament. Is. 59:21
- d. He "came upon" the Old Testament saints for power. Num. 11:17, Judg. 6:34, 1Sam. 16:13
- e. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus. Lk. 4:18-21

2. The purpose of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Jn 16:5-15

- a. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgement.
- b. The author of the New Testament. Jn. 14:26, 2 Pt. 1:20-21
- c. He guides the believer in truth.
- d. He glorifies Christ in us and through us. Jn. 16:14
- e. The New Testament Believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Act 6:5

3. The power of the Holy Spirit.

- a. The power was given on the Day of Pentecost. Lk. 24:49, Acts 2:1-4
- b. The power is for service. Acts 1:4-8 The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings enduement of spiritual power for intensified service. *Jack Hayford*
- c. The power results in the gifts which assist in service.

4. The Gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- a. We have different gifts and ministries through the same Spirit and Lord.
- b. The gifts are for the "profit of all".
- c. The Word of Wisdom
- d. The Word of Knowledge
- e. The gift of Faith
- f. The gift of Healings
- g. The working of Miracles
- h. The Gift of Prophecy
- i. The discerning of Spirits
- j. The gift of Tongues
- k. The interpretation of Tongues
- l. The Spirit gives the gifts to individuals.