

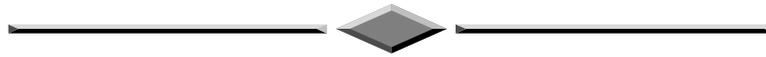
What the  
New Testament  
Says About



The Holy Spirit

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# Introduction



I. A special class concerning the Holy Spirit is a sign of the times in which we live. The Holy Spirit is not a Biblical focus.

A. It is Jesus the Son that is the focus of Scripture.

Colossians 1:13-18

John 16:14 The Spirit gives testimony of the Son, not Himself.

B. The Dove

II. We must understand the person, work and purpose of the Holy Spirit objectively through the written Word rather than subjectively by what we may or may not experience.

A. The Bible is the objective source of absolute truth.

Romans 10:13-17

I John 2:1-5

B. Subjective experience is unreliable.

Our senses sometimes fool us.

John 16:2

I John 4:1-3

III. Without an understanding that most of our translations have a Calvinistic / Augustinian bias to them, we can never fully comprehend the Holy Spirit as presented in our translations.

A. To “S” or not to “S”?

B. The word spirit ( $\pi\nu\epsilon\nu\mu\alpha$  = pneuma) appears 264 times in the NT.

Possible meanings for this word spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit of God Matthew 28:19

2. the attitude of God Romans 8:14

3. a holy spirit or a spirit of holiness I Thessalonians 1:5

4. spirituality (vs. worldliness) Galatians 5:16

5. the human spirit Ephesians 5:18 Colossians 3:16,17

IV. Principle of Faith

A. Faith vs. experience

B. We do not know the Father and the Son by faith and the Holy Spirit by experience.

## V. The Word Convicts, Not the Spirit

I Corinthians 2:12, 13

The Spirit convicts (ἐλεγχω = elegcho = convinces; persuades) of sin, righteousness and judgment  
John 16:8-11 (To be discussed in next lesson “The Spirit of Truth”)

How He does so is through the Word:

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had **received his word** were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:4 But many of those who had **heard the message** believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 6:7 The **word of God** kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Acts 9:5, 6 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it **will be told you** what you must do.”

Acts 11:14 “...and he will speak **words** to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.”

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.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the **word of Christ**.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God**.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 For the **word of God** is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

James 1:21 Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility **receive the word** implanted, which is able to save your souls.

### Parallel Passages:

Ephesians 5:18, 19 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Colossians 3:16 And let **the word of Christ richly dwell within you**, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**The Spirit of Truth**  
(Revelation and Inspiration)



**The Upper Room Discourse**  
A Survey of John chapters 14-16

I. Overview.

- A. John 13 - 17 are not general teachings for the Church.
- B. There is a battle raging concerning the role of the Scriptures.
- C. Two Subtle Lies of Satan:
  - 1. Our job is to preach the Gospel. It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict.
  - 2. The focal point of Christianity is not doctrine. It is Jesus.

II. The Person

III. The Problem

IV. The Promise

V. The Prayer

VI. The Promise Kept

# The Baptism of the Holy Spirit



## I. The Pronouncement: Matthew 3:7-12

- A. “. . . the axe is already laid at the root of the trees . . .” v. 10
- B. “. . . His winnowing fork is in His hand . . .” v. 12
- C. “. . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit . . .” v. 11

## II. The Day of Pentecost: Acts 2

- A. Noise and fire. Compare with Exodus 19:16ff

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was upon the apostles but it was for the benefit of the people of Israel, just as the falling of the power of God upon Moses was for the benefit of the people.

- B. The Question Answered: “What does this mean?” Acts 2:12

1. Joel’s Prophecy 2:17-21 (Quoting Joel 2:28-32)
2. “Jesus the Nazarene, . . . attested to you by God, . . . you nailed to a cross.”  
vv. 22-36
3. “Be saved from this perverse generation.” v. 40

## III. The Household of Cornelius Acts 10:44-48

- A. They were amazed, verse 45. The cause of their amazement.
- B. Peter before the Church in Jerusalem. Acts 11:4-18

# The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

I. What are “the gifts”?

II. Two types of gifts.

A. Miraculous

B. Non-miraculous

Museum analogy: A museum has many things for us to see and learn. There are many things there for us to take home: brochures, study guides, maps, etc. There are also things that are there under glass. These are for us to study and observe the way things were, but they are not for us to take home.

III. What purpose were the miraculous gifts?

A. Acts 8:6 The crowds **with one accord were giving attention** to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

B. Acts 14:1-3 And it came about that in Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against the brethren. Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was **bearing witness to the word** of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.

C. I Corinthians 14:22 So then tongues are **for a sign**, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but prophecy is **for a sign**, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

D. Hebrews 2:4 God also **bearing witness** with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

IV. How were the miraculous gifts acquired?

A. Acts 2:43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place **through the apostles**.

B. Acts 5:12 And **at the hands of the apostles** many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.

C. Acts 6:5 And the statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, **they laid their hands on them**.

D. Acts 8:16-19 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then **they began laying their hands on them**, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles'

hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give this authority to me as well, **so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.**”

E. Acts 19:11 And God was performing extraordinary miracles **by the hands of Paul**

F. Romans 1:11 For I long to see you in order **that I may impart some spiritual gift to you**, that you may be established;

G. I Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with **the laying on of hands** by the presbytery.

H. II Timothy 1:6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the **laying on of my hands**.

V. Are the miraculous gifts still with us?

A. Chronological study of the lists of the gifts.

1. I Corinthians 12:8-11 (Gifts of the Spirit, v. 7)

- a. Word of wisdom
- b. Word of knowledge
- c. Faith
- d. Power of healing
- e. effecting miracles
- f. Prophecy
- g. Distinguishing spirits
- h. Tongues
- i. Interpreting tongues

2. Romans 12:6-8 (Gifts of God the Father, v. 3)

- a. Prophecy
- b. Service
- c. Teaching
- d. Exhortation
- e. Giving
- f. Leading
- g. Mercy

3. Ephesians 4:11-16 (Gifts of Christ, v. 11)

- a. Apostles
- b. Prophets
- c. Evangelists
- d. Pastors / Teachers

B. Means by which miraculous gifts are attained.

# Speaking in “Tongues”



I. Overview: The amount of Scripture dealing with “tongues” speaking is very limited:

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

I Corinthians chs. 12-14.

II. What are “Tongues”?

A. Tongues = γλῶσσα = glossa = tongue (the organ of speech in someone's mouth) or language.

B. Pentecostal tongues. Acts 2:5-12

1. Men from many nations.

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, People from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrene and Rome.

2. Apostles spoke in the language (lit. dialect = διαλεκτος = dialektos) of the men above.

C. There is no indication that “tongues” are anything but unstudied human languages. This includes I Corinthians chs. 12-14.

D. Tongues will cease. I Cor. 13:8ff

1. Prophecy and Knowledge will be “done away” (κατεργω = katargeo = done away; in this passage it has the connotation of being done away in order to be replaced with something better). Childish things (v. 11) are done away (same word) to be replaced by adult things.

2. Tongues will “cease” (παυω = pauo = cease, stop)

3. When the “perfect” (τελειον = teleion = perfect, complete) comes prophecy and knowledge will be replaced, tongues will simply stop.

III. Purpose of Tongues

A. Tongues were not for communication.

B. Tongues were a sign of judgment against national Israel.

1. Began being used immediately after the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (already discussed), another sign of judgment.

2. Paul explains tongues as a sign of judgment.

a. I Corinthians 14:20-22 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature. In the Law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and even so they will not listen to Me," says the Lord. So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

b. Paul quotes from Isaiah 28:

Isaiah 28:9-19 "To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast? For He says, '**Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.**' Indeed, He will speak to this people Through stammering lips and a foreign tongue, He who said to them, "Here is rest, give rest to the weary," And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen. So the word of the Lord to them will be, "**Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there,**" That they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared, and taken captive. Therefore, hear the word of the Lord, O scoffers, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, for we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception." Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed. And I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the level; then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the secret place. And your covenant with death shall be canceled, and your pact with Sheol shall not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you become its trampling place. As often as it passes through, it will seize you. For morning after morning it will pass through, anytime during the day or night. And it will be sheer terror to understand what it means..."

"Order on order . . ." = Sav lasav, sav lasav, Kav lakav, kav lakav, Ze'er sham, ze'er sham =  
goo goo, gah gah

c. Judgmental aspect of "tongues" must be understood to properly understand I Corinthians 14.

#### IV. I Corinthians 14

Four Rules of Tongues speaking:

A. Two may speak. Three at the most. (v. 27)

B. Must take turns (v. 27)

C. Make sure it is translated, else do not speak (v. 27)

D. Women are not to speak (v. 34)



# The Indwelling Gift of the Holy Spirit



I. The indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit is an association that we have with God Himself, the purpose of which is that we would be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 5:32 “And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

I Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

B. This is an association with a Person. We must understand the metaphorical language when the Bible speaks this way: Filled with; We are full of the Spirit in the same way we are filled with a person, not a liquid. We cannot quantify the Holy Spirit.

C. It is an association, not an incarnation. The Holy Spirit is not infused into our natures. Jesus was the Holy Spirit in the flesh. We are not.

D. It is an association where our will outvotes His will. We will be as spiritual as we choose to be.

E. We are not saved by the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit. We are not saved by the work of God in us. We are saved by the work of God, for us, outside of us, in spite of us, before we were born, on the cross.

II. The purpose of the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit is sanctification, not justification.

Sanctification = the progressive consummation to the image of His Son which is the purpose of creation (i.e., intimate fellowship).

II Corinthians 3:17, 18 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

I John 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Biblical sonship: Romans 8:1 - 30.

# The Doctrine of Illumination

(a survey of I Corinthians 2)

Introduction: What is the Doctrine of Illumination?

Representative statements of this doctrine:

“God moves upon man by the Holy Spirit who illumines the mind and witnesses to the veracity of the divine verities. But the man upon whom the Spirit moves must be a partaker of the Spirit in regeneration. The Scriptures are most likely to be understood when a regenerate man trusts the Holy Spirit to illumine his mind as he interprets Scriptures.” (Ramm, Hermeneutics, p. 18.)

“In a word: The perspicuity of Scripture is twofold, just as there is a double lack of light. The first is external, and relates to the ministry of the Word; the second concerns the knowledge of the heart. If you speak of internal perspicuity, the truth is that nobody who has not the Spirit of God sees a jot of what is in Scriptures. All men have their hearts darkened, so that, even when they can discuss and quote all that is in Scripture, they do not understand or really know any of it.” (Martin Luther, Bondage of the Will; “Of the perspicuity of Scripture, 606-609”)

A key verse: I Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 2 is a contrast between

1. False Wisdom (Human Speculation)
2. True Wisdom (Divine Revelation)

Paul is defending his apostleship (and thus his authority).

I Cor. 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

II Cor. 12:11, 12 I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

II Peter 3:15, 16 ... and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

I. Divine Emphasis. (vv. 1, 2)

Paul’s preaching was

1. Not Human Wisdom

- a. He was accused of this in 1:17-20; 4:3
- b. Wisdom teaches a person how to be good. Christianity teaches how to be forgiven.

## 2. Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

If Christ is not preached it is a false gospel.

## II. Human Wisdom versus God's Power and Authority. (vv. 3-7)

- A. verse 3: "weakness and fear" of the awesome responsibility of speaking the very words of God (see 2:16).
- B. verse 4: Paul was not speaking Speculation, but Revelation.
- C. verse 6: "we" = the apostles. God's wisdom is not a worldly wisdom.
- D. verse 7: compare with Eph. 3:4, 5 and I Peter 1:12.

Eph. 3:4, 5 And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.

I Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you, through those who preached the Gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven -- things into which angels long to look.

Summary: The apostles speak of things that were hidden in Old Testament times.

## III. Godly Wisdom is different in kind, not in degree. (vv. 8-13)

- A. verse 9: This is not a reference to heaven. Paul is speaking from an OT point of view. This glory which was promised in ages past (v. 7) and is now here, it is not the kind of wisdom that human wisdom could have conceived.
- B. verse 10: "us" = apostles. We cannot understand the mind of God by reason and speculation. We can only understand if God tells us, which He did through the apostles.

John 16:13: But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

It is only through divine revelation that we could know that forgiveness takes place at the cross.

- C. verse 11: Only the Spirit of God could have told us of God's forgiveness.
- D. verse 12: It was not human wisdom that Paul spoke.
- E. verse 13: Lit. = "... combining the spiritual with the spiritual." i.e., putting the mind of God into the language of man. The mind of God has been given to us in human words spoken by the apostles.

#### IV. Uninspired versus Inspired

- A. verse 14: The natural man is NOT the Non-Christian. The natural man was the uninspired man who was saying that Paul was not an apostle. The uninspired man (natural man) was not in a position to judge Paul's message.
- B. verse 15: The spiritual man is NOT the Christian. The spiritual man is the man who is inspired, i.e., the apostle. It is the one who has a special ministry of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21-23 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you, as the Father has sent Me, I am also sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.

Gal. 1:8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be anathema.

If the natural man is a sinner and the spiritual man is a Christian then Romans 10:17 is a falsehood for faith could not come by hearing the Word. Faith could only come about by already being a Christian, i.e., a spiritual man.

- C. verse 16: The apostles had the mind of the Lord.

John 16:7-14 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.

John 17:7-26 "Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world

may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”