

DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

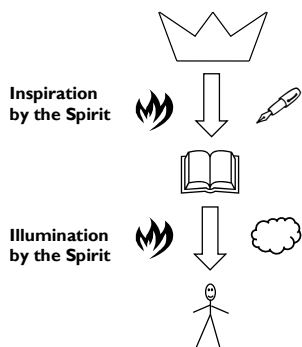
THE GOD WHO SPEAKS, SAVES, INDWELLS & EMPOWERS

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1. OUR GOD SPEAKS!

- Through His Word, by His Spirit

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth”
Psalms 33:6



- Inspiration by the Spirit

→ 2 Samuel 23:2

→ 2 Timothy 3:16

→ 2 Peter 1:21

→ John 14:26

- Illumination by the Spirit

God speaks today! *Hebrews 3:7-8*

Our part / God's part *2 Timothy 2:7*

Discuss

How would you respond to the following comments?

→ “I always go to Bible study but don't feel very spiritual”

→ “Why read yesterday's news when you can hear today's?”

2. OUR GOD SAVES!

- The Trinity creates, the Trinity recreates

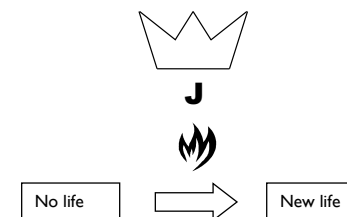
The work of God the Father

by God the Son

through God the Spirit

+ Creation – *Genesis 1:1,2*

+ Recreation – *Titus 3:4-7*



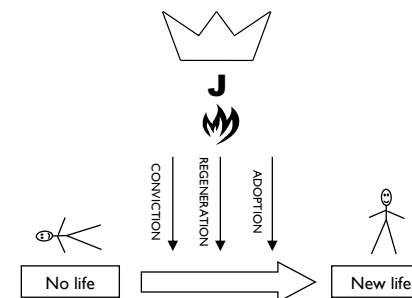
The Spirit brings the
objective gospel
subjectively home

- Conviction by the Spirit *John 16:5-11*

- Regeneration by the Spirit *Ezekiel 36:24-27*

John 3:5-8

- Adoption by the Spirit *Romans 8:15-17*



Discuss

→ How does the work of the Spirit in salvation affect our view of evangelism?

→ How should it affect the way we see our own salvation?

3. OUR GOD INDWELLS!

- Getting our bearings: A Bible overview of the indwelling Spirit in five (and a bit) minutes

- Only a few chosen people were indwelt by the Spirit



1 Samuel 16:13
Ezekiel 2:2

- The promise was that one day the Spirit would be available to anyone



Joel 2:28
Ezekiel 36:26
Mark 1:8

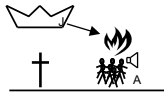
- o Jesus promised his Spirit to his apostles so that they would be his witnesses



Acts 1:8

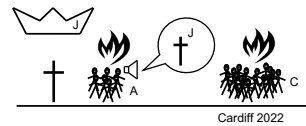
John 14:16-17

- o At Pentecost the apostles were given the Spirit, enabling them to testify authoritatively about Jesus



John 14: 26, 16:7-8, Acts 2:4-13

- o Now, all who believe the apostles' testimony about Jesus are indwelt by His Spirit to live for and speak about Jesus



Acts 2:17-21, 38-39

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• **'I wanna be like you?': Are there Apostles today like in New Testament times?**

- o Apostles to be a) *eyewitnesses* of risen Christ (*Acts 1:22, 1 Cor 9:1*) and b) personally *commissioned* by Christ (literally 'sent one') who c) spoke with Christ's *authority* (*2 Peter 3:16*).
- o Apostles as gifts from the risen Jesus for the church (*Eph 4:10-11*)
- o Apostles (and prophets) as the foundation of the church (*Eph 2:20*)
- o Apostles given unique markers (signs, wonders and miracles) (*2 Cor 12:12*)

Further study:

What are the blessings already ours if we are Christians ("in Christ")? *Eph 1:1-14*

What do we learn about what it looks like to be filled with the Spirit? *Eph 5:18-21*

What reasons are given as to why we should be filled with the Spirit? *Eph 5:1-2, 8-13, 15-17*

+ I'm glad you asked that...

- o If all Christians have every blessing in Christ already and have already been filled with the Spirit, how can we be "more full"?

The issue is not how much of God do I have ("I want more of Him"), but how much of me does God have ("He wants more of me").

- o If people receive the Spirit (often with the gift of tongues) after conversion in Acts 2:4 (Pentecost), Acts 8:15-17 (Samaritans), Acts 10:45 (Cornelius), Acts 19 (the Ephesian 12), *what's that all about?* Isn't that a pattern for the NT church?

• **Sanctification by the Holy Spirit**

→ *What you do or who you are?*

Status, 1 Cor 6:9-11

Process, 1 Thess 4:3-6

→ *The Fruit of the Spirit*

Galatians 5:22,23

4. OUR GOD EMPOWERS!

Matt 28:19-20 *speaking*

'I am with you till the very end of the age'

1 Cor 12:1-11 *servicing*

Further reading:

- Introductory: *Who on earth is the Holy Spirit*, Tim Chester
- Continuationist: *Spirit and Sacrament*, Andrew Wilson
- Cessationist: *Spiritual gifts: What they are and why they matter*, Tom Schreiner
- Four views: *Are miraculous gifts for the church today*, ed. Wayne Grudem