

- I. Background
 - a. Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
 - i. Creation (Gen 1:2; Psa 104:30)
 - 1. Earth was without form and void and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters
 - ii. Source of wisdom and understanding
 - 1. Joseph's wisdom (Gen 41:38)
 - 2. Bezalel's understanding, knowledge, and craftsmanship (Exodus 31:3)
 - iii. Spirit conveys truth through prophesy
 - 1. Came upon Balaam, and he prophesied (Num 24:2)
 - 2. Speaks through Azariah to Asa (2 Chron 15:1)
 - 3. All of the prophets (2Pet 1:21)
 - a. "the prophets spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit
 - 4. Saul anointed King and he prophesied (1 Samuel 10:1-10)
 - 5. Saul and others with the prophets (1 Samuel 19:18-24)
 - 6. David speaks by the Spirit (2 Sam 23:2) and in the Psalms
 - iv. Provides strength and authority to judge the people
 - 1. Empowered Moses, and was given to the 70 Elders to assist him (Num 11:25-29)
 - 2. Empowered Joshua, just as Moses, giving him authority (Num 27:18; Deut 34:9)
 - 3. The Judges victorious (Othniel – 3:10; Gideon, weak made strong – 6:34; Jephthah – 11:29; Samson – 14:19)
 - v. Promises regarding the Spirit
 - 1. The Branch of Jesse shall have the Spirit resting on him (Isa 11:1)
 - 2. The promise of an outpouring that brings restoration (Isa 32:8)
 - 3. Rests upon his servant who brings justice to the nations (Isa 42:1)
 - 4. Israel's offspring shall receive the Spirit like water on dry ground (Isa 44:3)
 - 5. Promise of Spirit and words remaining to the repentant (Isa 59:20-21)
 - 6. Spirit is upon God's servant, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor (Isa 61:1)
 - 7. The promise that God will restore his people and put His Spirit within them, and cause them to walk obediently (39:25-29)
 - 8. Read Ezekiel 36:23,25-32
 - 9. The valley of dry bones is resurrected and filled with the Spirit (Ezek 37:1-14)
 - a. The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and

will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

10. The promise of an outpouring on all flesh (Joel 2:28-29)

b. The Holy Spirit in the Gospels and Acts

i. New Creation

1. Jesus born of the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:18)
2. One must be born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5)
Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

ii. Empowered by the Spirit

1. Jesus anointed with the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16)
2. Jesus casts out demons by the Spirit of God, indicating that the kingdom of God has come (Matt 12:28)
3. Jesus prayed in the Spirit (Luke 10:21)

iii. Conveys truth through prophesy

1. Simeon recognized the baby Jesus as the Messiah through the Spirit (Luke 2:25-28)
2. Throughout Acts

iv. Promises

1. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit would speak through his disciples when they stand trial (Matt 10:20)
2. The Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him (Luke 11:13)
3. Jesus describes the Spirit as rivers of living water (John 7:37-39):
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
4. Jesus promises the helper who will bring to remembrance the truth (John 14:16-17, 26)
5. The helper will be a witness to Jesus (John 15:26)
6. The Spirit will guide in truth and glorify Christ (John 16:12-14)

II. The Holy Spirit as the revealer of truth and wisdom

- a. To the apostles and prophets (Eph 3:4-6; 1 Tim 4:1)
 - i. The reliability of scripture itself is based on the fact that the apostles and prophets were speaking by the Holy Spirit. Not only that, but when we read scripture, the Holy Spirit testifies to us that it is the word of God – self-authenticating.
- b. Reveals eternal truths (read 1 Cor 2:6-16)
- c. And temporal truths (read Acts 11:28)
- d. Provides guidance in the will of God (Rom 12:1-2)
 - i. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - ii. Titus 3:4-5 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
 - iii. Guidance is rooted in the Spirit's work of renewing our minds
 - iv. Example from Paul's life (read Acts 21:3-4,8-14)

III. The Holy Spirit as the down-payment of our inheritance

- a. The Spirit testifies to our adoption as sons (read Rom 8:15-17)
 - i. Being sons gives us full inheritance rights
- b. We are sealed by the Spirit (read Eph 1:13-14)
 - i. Uses of sealed in the NT:
 1. Sealed shut – as in the tomb (keeping the good in and the evil out)
 2. Seal of authenticity - as in a letter (we are truly sons of God)
 3. Seal of ownership – as in the identifying mark that we are God's
- c. The Spirit is the down-payment (Eph 1:14) and the firstfruits (Rom 8:23) of this inheritance, but we wait for its final realization
 - i. Terrance Paige: "In the present the Spirit is simultaneously a portion of the life and power of the future age, and a sign pointing beyond the present, telling believers that the fullness of the messianic age has not yet arrived... Throughout his letters Paul maintains this tension in his view of the Spirit: it is not itself the

fullness of the kingdom of God, yet it is a foretaste of future “glory,” continually pointing forward to the eschatological redemption of the body. The Spirit is himself an in-breaking of the powers of the age to come and a guarantee of the reality of that age together with the believer’s part in it.”¹

- IV. The Holy Spirit as the agent of our sanctification
 - a. Conviction of sin
 - i. Read John 16:8-11
 - 1. Sin – Exposing the sin and unbelief of the world
 - 2. Read 1 Cor 14:24-25
 - 3. Righteousness - Christ’s resurrection is His vindication and declaration of righteousness, reversing the verdict of the world against him
1 Tim 3:16 – Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit
 - 4. Judgment – the ruler of this world is judged and, therefore condemnation is assured for those who serve him
 - b. Conformity to the image of Christ (true humanity – image of God)
 - i. Read Romans 8:29
 - ii. Read Colossians 3:8-10
 - iii. God’s goal in working in us is that we may be conformed to the image of Christ. Adam and Eve were created in the image of God, but when they fell into sin, that image was marred and distorted. Christ, as the second Adam, is the perfect image of God, and the authentic human. God’s goal through the Spirit’s work in us is for us to realize our true humanity – restored to the proper image of God, modeled after Christ.
 - iv. Read 2 Cor 3:12-18 .This is achieved by beholding the glory of Lord, revealed in Jesus Christ. As we set our minds and our gaze on Christ, we are gradually being transformed into His image. This is why the Gospel is not just for unbelievers, but for believers. The gospel is of the glory of Christ (4:4).
 - c. Fruits of the Spirit
 - i. Paul describes the evidence of this transforming work in the life of the believer as the fruit of the Spirit
 - ii. Read Galatians 5:22-24
 - iii. Read Colossians 3:12-17
- V. The Holy Spirit as the means by which we have fellowship
 - a. Read Ephesians 2:18-22
 - b. Through the Spirit we have fellowship with God
 - i. What is eternal life? Knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ (John 17:3)
 - 1. Read Philippians 3:8-9
 - 2. Read Colossians 1:9-10
 - ii. The Spirit assists us in our weakness, praying on our behalf according to God’s will:
 - 1. Read Romans 8:26-27
 - c. With man
 - i. The Spirit unites us together in Christ, and just as we commune together with God through him, so we commune with other Christians through him. This

¹Hawthorne, G. F., Martin, R. P., & Reid, D. G. (1993). *Dictionary of Paul and his letters* (411). Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press.

should energize your fellowship with other Christians, and also give it a sense of weightiness. You are not just people sharing life together, but you are united in one Spirit to Christ. Many of the activities of the Spirit, such as building up, guiding, and correcting are accomplished by working through other believers. This means that we should take heart in encouragement, take seriously the advice of others, and receive correction and rebuke with fear.

VI. Gifts of the Spirit

- a. When we speak of spiritual gifts, the two most common notions that come to mind are the miraculous signs and wonders (such as tongues, prophecy, and healing), and the idea of talents or special abilities that a believer has.
- b. The “lists” – examples of these gifts
 - i. Read Romans 12:6-8
 - ii. Read Ephesians 4:11-16
 - iii. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 - iv. Read 1 Corinthians 12:28-30
- c. Spiritual gifts are not so much special abilities that an individual has, but are gifts given to the church for its edification. The gifts of the Spirit are ministries within the body of Christ and part of his work in building it up. Paul reprimands the Corinthians for their narrow focus on the miraculous gifts, and shows them how those gifts fit into the function of edifying the Church. We each have a role in the Body, and we should approach it with humility, recognizing that our work differs from the others, but is not more or less essential to the Church.

VII. The Holy Spirit as our Comforter

- a. Source of Hope
 - i. Read Romans 15:13
- b. Source of Joy
 - i. Read Romans 14:17