

Lesson 10 continued

** Second, not only did the Holy Spirit come to indwell the church as a corporate body, but He also came at Pentecost to indwell all believers. Jesus had said in John 14: 17, "Even the Spirit of Truth ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit did not indwell believers as He does in the present day of Grace. He was a gift to a few individuals as He willed, and then it was for a special purpose of God.

Jesus spoke of one He loved. John the Baptist was called a "great" person by the Lord (Matthew 11:11). John the Baptist was before Pentecost. Jesus said, "he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist."

** Third, the Holy Spirit personally indwells the believer in Jesus and is never withdrawn. The personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit guarantees our Spiritual discernment. He is our teacher, and He recalls to our memory all that we need. (John 14::26).

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit could be withdrawn. One example is found in the life of Israel's first king.

Saul: Turn to 1 Samuel 10:9-10, there you are. Read. " God gave him another heart—and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied." That is not the end of the story.

A tragic word is written about Saul (1Samuel 16:14).

Write in verse 14:

In the age in which we live, Jesus said the gift of the Holy Spirit is personal to every regenerated child of God. With all the faults and sins and vices of the Corinthians. Paul could still write to them: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which you have of God?" (1Corinthians 6:19).

3. The Meaning and Significance of Pentecost.

a. Pentecost came 50 days after the Feast of the First Fruits. The Feast of the First Fruits was a type of the resurrection of Christ. (Leviticus 23:9-16). Pentecost means 50.

b. The significance of Pentecost is found in the fact that the Holy Spirit descended 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. He had died on the cross, was buried, came out of the grave, and yet people recognized Him. He was seen in the glorified body for 40 days.

Write in Acts 1:3:

c. Just before His ascension, Jesus told the apostles to “wait for the promise of the Father”. (Acts 1:4). The “promise of the Father ” was the coming of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8).

d. The length of the waiting period is never mentioned directly, but it is easy to figure. If Jesus was seen 40 days after His resurrection, and Pentecost means 50, they waited 10 days.

e. The Holy Spirit came on time. The Old Testament feasts taught the group, as us, the meaning of Pentecost. Read (Leviticus 23). The Holy Spirit could not have descended at any other time.

f. The Feast of the Passover was fulfilled at Calvary. There will be only one Calvary—one death of Jesus. “He is our Passover ” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

The Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled by the coming of the Holy Spirit. There will be only one Pentecost.

g. Two things happened on the day of Pentecost:

* the believers. Were baptized with the Spirit because Jesus had told them earlier (Acts 1:5). The word “baptism” is not found in Acts 2.

* They were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). The baptism was one thing –the filling another. Notice that they spoke in tongues because they were filled with the Spirit, and the tongues were understood in their own language (Acts2:6,8). This was not an “unknown tongue.” it was the way the Holy Spirit began to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 11

"God the Holy Spirit" – Part II

1. Introduction

In our study of the Holy Spirit, we have seen only a part of His ministry. In this lesson, we shall explore the references in the New Testament concerning the Holy Spirit.

The names of the Holy Spirit in His relationship to the Father and the Son – the work of the Holy Spirit in the church –the characteristic of the Person, God the Holy Spirit– the teaching of our Lord concerning the Holy Spirit –finally, the fruit of the Spirit.

These will help you understand a little more concerning the Holy Spirit.

There is no way to cover the entire work of the Holy Spirit in three lessons, but we have a good beginning—a foundation. Personal study will be easier in reference to this great truth.

II. Basic Scriptures:

Genesis 6:3; Numbers 27:18; Isaiah 32:15; Joel 2:28-29; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 28:20; John 14:16,17,26; Acts 13: 2,4,9,10; Romans 8; I Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13,14,17; 2 Corinthians 1:22 Galatian 4:6; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 3:7; I Peter 3:18; I John 4:2,6,13; Rev. 1:4.

III. The Nucleus Of The Truth:

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, abides in the hearts and souls of believers in Christ. He is the body of Christ, the church. This is the age of the church, and since

Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been the power in the church to spread the Gospel of Christ and to call out a people for His Name.

In this age of grace and the church, the Holy Spirit is not greater; He is later. He came after Jesus ascended. He could not come until Jesus left the earth. Jesus said, "If I go not away,

The Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7).

This is the age in which the Holy Spirit teaches the believers all the truths of Scripture (John 14:26). He, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and He testifies of Jesus Christ (John 15:26).

One significant thing about the Holy Spirit should be observed by the student. The Master

Said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He glorify Me" (John 16:13-14).

IV. The Great Truth: "God The Holy Spirit" Part II

A. References To The Holy Spirit In The New Testament.

1. There are 262 Passages in the New Testament Which Mention the Holy Spirit.
 - a. These 262 Passages are found in 24 Of the 27 books of the New Testament. The only books in which the Holy Spirit is not mentioned are Philemon and II and III John.
 - b. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John contain 56 passages referring to the Holy Spirit..
 - c. The Acts of the Apostles (Known also as The Acts of the Holy Spirit) contain 57 references to the Holy Spirit