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Session 7 – The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Pneumatology or the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, we get this word from two Greek words [PNEUMA] which means [WIND, AIR, BREATH, SPIRIT] and [LOGOS] which means [WORD].

Neumatology means the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God, He is a person and He is distinct. He shares all of the attributes of God.

Genesis 1:1-2 - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

The Person of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a person and should not be referred to as "it" but rather as "He" because He is as the third person of the Trinity inseparable from the Father and Jesus Christ. He is God. The three are one. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and identical to the reality of God Himself.

Some of His titles include:

_____ - He is the source of spiritual truth which cannot be received without Him.

John 14:15-17 - "If you love me, keep my commands.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever; the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."

_____ - This reality is seen most profoundly in the life of Jesus. From his conception by the Holy Spirit, throughout His life, and in His resurrection.

Romans 1:4 - "and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord."

He is both the Spirit of holiness and the Spirit of resurrection. He is a sanctifying Spirit who gives us life and makes us holy.

Romans 8:11 - "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you."

_____ - He is the Spirit who gives life, no longer do we need to live in bondage sin and death. He has brought life and freedom for all who belong to Christ.

Romans 8:2 - "because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

_____ - The Spirit of adoption is the Holy Spirit whom the Father sends to certify our adoption into the family of God. Two things we receive at new birth, first adoption and secondly we receive the Spirit.

Romans 8:15 - "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Paul continues this theme in Galatians:

Galatians 4:4-6 - "that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba , Father."

_____ - He makes available to us everything that Jesus has done to bring about our salvation. Our regeneration, our adoption, our sanctification, all



of it is a work of grace and is given to us by the Spirit of grace.

_____ - Particularly for those who suffer for their faith in Christ.
1 Peter 4:14 - "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."
This seems to suggest that the glory yet to come already rests on those who belong to Jesus.

_____ - The sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for us is far more than a temporal event; it is an action through the eternal Spirit that effected our redemption.
Hebrews 9:14 - "How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"

Biblical symbols used to describe the Holy Spirit:

_____ - This is an apt and vivid description of the Holy Spirit. [RUAH] in Hebrew and [PNEUMA] in Greek carry this image. Wind as a symbol of the Holy Spirit is probably best and most dramatically depicted in the upper room at Pentecost.

Acts 2:2 - "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

Sometimes wind is gentle, sometimes its fierce, but it always moves. It represents the energy of God, it blows wherever it wills.

John 3:8 NIV - The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

_____ - It is used as a symbol for the Holy Spirit and for His work of purifying the believer.

Matthew 3:11-12 - "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Here is the fulfillment of John's words;

Acts 2:3-4 - "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

_____ - Flowing water is another very descriptive representation of the Holy Spirit, showing the life-giving movement and activity of God in the heart of a believer.

John 7:37-39 - "On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."

Ezekiel's vision of the temple in Ezekiel 47:1-9, shows this really well, foretelling of a great day to come. Zechariah also spoke of this great day of the Lord;

Zechariah 14:8 - "On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem..."

Revelation 22:1-2 - "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

_____ - In the Scriptures, oil was used for anointing mainly for kingly



or priestly office. (1 Samuel 16:12-13) The Holy Spirit can be seen as a heavenly anointing for a particular call or function. Jesus, shortly after His baptism and the Spirit coming upon Him, describing His ministry says the following:

Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."

Of the believers John writes;

1 John 2:20,27 - "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit, just as it has taught you, remain in Him."

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is simply God's divine enabling for us to be everything He wants us to be, and for us to do everything He wants us to do.

_____ - Designating God's ownership and protection. When the Holy Spirit is given to a believer at regeneration, it is a validation that he belongs to God, she is God's personal possession. A seal also makes us secure, a mark of protection. A seal is also a pledge of something guaranteed but not yet received. The seal of the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 - "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Ephesians 1:13-14 - "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory."

_____ - At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came as a dove.

Luke 3:22 - "and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

A dove often represents gentleness and innocence, aspects of the person of the Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit mainly came upon people at various times for a specific task or function, and then left when the task was completed. There are a few exceptions.

In the New Testament we see that the Holy Spirit is deposited in people's lives when they are saved, or come to faith.

Romans 8:9 - "And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."

The New Covenant is characterised by God's people walking in and living by the Spirit. For generations before Jesus the prophets predicted a blessed day when the Holy Spirit would be poured out on everyone.

Joel 2:28-29 - "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."

We see this being fulfilled at Pentecost in the upper room;

Acts 2:1-4 - "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

The Holy Spirit was given to the church to fulfill the mission and mandate God gave her.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the



earth.”

Since Pentecost, every believer has had access to the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit in their lives, not just for a season or a task, but permanently. The Holy Spirit comes unconsciously when we are born again, then there is a subsequent, more realised, infilling of the Holy Spirit for empowering and service. We call this the baptism of the Holy Spirit and we'll be looking at this a little closer in the next session when we deal with the Work of the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verse

Romans 8:11

“And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

