“The Importance of Spiritual Knowledge”

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“Things we should know about the Holy Spirit.”

**Full Divinity of the Holy Spirit**

1. God dwells in his temple: 1 Cor.3.16-17, 6.19; 2 Cor. 6.16ff
2. God and Holy Spirit used interchangeably: Heb. 3.7-11, 4.3, 7
3. Holy Spirit is personal: 1 Cor. 2.10b, searches; 1 Cor. 12.11, gives and determines; Eph. 4.30, grieves; Mk. 1.12, sends
4. God-head/Trinitarian statements: Mt. 28.19; 2 Cor.13.14; 1 Cor. 12.4-6; Eph. 1.13-14; 2.18, 19-22; 3.2-5, 14-17; 4.4-6; 5.18-20
5. Distinct from the Father and Son: Mk. 1.9-11; Mt. 3.16-17

**Old Testament**

1. The Spirit is distinct from God: Gen. 1.1-2; Ps.51.10-11
2. The fullness of the God-head/Trinity is not fully developed in the Old Testament but is hinted at: Gen. 1.26; 3.22
3. Creation and sustenance of life: Gen. 1.2; Ps. 104.27-30
4. Empowers prophets: Num. 24.2-3; 2 Chron. 15.1-2
5. Empowers to do God’s work: Ex. 31.1-5; Jud. 14.6

**New Testament**

1. Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus
   1. Mk. 1.4,8: Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit
   2. Mk. 1.10; Jn. 1.32-34: revealed Jesus to John
   3. Mk. 1.12: Spirit leads Jesus
   4. Lk. 4.18-21: Spirit anointed Jesus for preaching and teaching
   5. Mt. 12.28: by the Spirit Jesus drives out demons
2. Jesus promise of the Holy Spirit
   1. Jn. 14.15-17: Jesus to leave the apostles the Holy Spirit
   2. Jn. 14.25-26: the Spirit will teach an remind the apostles of all things
   3. Jn. 15.26: the Spirit will testify to the apostles
   4. Jn. 16.5-16: though Jesus goes away the Spirit will come and convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Spirit will also guide the apostles into all truth.
   5. Acts 1.8: the Spirit would empower the apostles (Acts 2.1-41; 3.1-10; 4.33; 5.1-11)
3. Pentecost: Acts 2
   1. Important and unique moment in salvation history. It is the time when God’s promises are proclaimed as fulfilled based upon the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
   2. The outpouring of the Spirit as demonstrated by the signs. Old Testament prophecy indicates that Jesus has baptized with the Holy Spirit (Mk. 1.4,8; Lk. 3.15-17; Jn. 7.37-39).
   3. The Holy Spirit is now available to all who are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2.38-39; 1 Cor. 6.11, 18-20; 12.13; Titus 3.4-7).
   4. Acts 10 & 11 emphasizes the miraculous aspect of the Spirit so that the Jews are convinced that the gospel is for Gentiles
4. The Spirit in the church
   1. Guides the church to open doors: Acts 11.15-17; 16.7-10
   2. Empowers the church: Acts 4.29-31
   3. Power of Christian preaching: 1 Cor. 2.1-5
5. The Holy Spirit and Christian living
   1. Convicts and enables us to respond in faith to God: Jn. 16.7-8; Acts 16.14
   2. Purifies, sanctifies us, and produces fruit: 1 Cor. 6.11; 2 Cor. 3.18; Gal. 5.22; 2 Thess. 2.13; Rm. 8.1-17; 15.16; 1 Pet. 1.2
   3. Gives Christian gifts for ministry: 1 Cor. 12.4-11
   4. The Spirit is the bond of unity in the church: Eph. 4.3
   5. Speaks through Scripture: Heb. 3.7; 9.8; 10.15; 2 Pet. 1.21
   6. Strengthens the inner man: Eph.3.16-19
   7. Helps us in our weakness and prayers: Rm. 8.26-27
   8. Guarantees our inheritance: Eph. 1.13-14; Rm. 8.23; 2 Cor. 1.21-22; 5.5

**The Holy Spirit and Scripture: See the lesson on the Bible**