

The Holy Spirit in the Believer

John 3:1-10
Galatians 5:16-26

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Theology Proper and Bibliology

- ▶ The study of God
- ▶ The study of the Bible
- ▶ Current study: the Holy Spirit
 - Historical perspective
 - Personal perspective
 - Corporate perspective

The Will of God

- ▶ The purpose of God – exaltation of Christ
- ▶ The plan of God – the work of salvation
- ▶ The ways of God – our experience of His will

The Plan of God

- ▶ “Reverse the curse” – Salvation
- ▶ Genesis 3:15 – First Promise
- ▶ Genesis 5:29 – the Pre-historic Hope
- ▶ Genesis 12:1-3 – Abrahamic Promise
- ▶ 2 Samuel 7 – Davidic Promise
- ▶ Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14
Romans 8:22-25; Luke 2:25-26

The Hope of the Old Testament

- ▶ **God's plan of Salvation**
 - Transform accursed man
 - Transform accursed world
- ▶ **The eternal universal Kingdom**
- ▶ **The reigning Messiah**
- ▶ **1 Peter 1:11 “sufferings . . . glory to follow”**

The Ways of God

- ▶ The collapse of the “Great Nation”
- ▶ Two critical events for God’s salvation:
 - The redemptive work of Christ
 - The outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Two realities in Acts 2
 - The institution of the New Covenant order
 - Postponement – the national aspect of this blessing

Baptism with the Holy Spirit

- ▶ **A new work of the Holy Spirit**
 - John 7:37-39; John 16:7
- ▶ **The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament era**
 - Qualitatively the same – Psalm 84:5, 11
 - Quantitatively different
- ▶ **Pentecost is the onset of this new era**
 - Devotion to teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer
 - Love for one another
 - Praise to God
 - Witnessing

The Age of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ **A glorious salvation**
- ▶ **More glory to come**
 - Romans 8:23 – the firstfruits of the Spirit
 - Romans 11:15 – Israel cut off v. Israel restored

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ What did Jesus announce? – John 14-16
- ▶ Work of regeneration – John 3:1-10
- ▶ Work of sanctification – Galatians 5:16-26

The Comforter – John 14-15

- ▶ Abide with you forever (14:16)
- ▶ Teach you all things Christ said (14:26)
- ▶ Testify of Christ (15:26)

The Comforter – John 16

- ▶ **Convict world (16:8-11)**
 - of sin
 - of righteousness
 - of judgment
- ▶ **Guide believers into all truth (16:13-15)**
 - Glorify Jesus
 - Take from Jesus and show it to believers

The Work of the Holy Spirit Today

Conviction
Regeneration
Sanctification
Gifts for ministry

Warfield, B.B., Calvin and Augustine: (p. 21)

But above all he gave to the Church the entire doctrine of the Work of the Holy Spirit, profoundly conceived and wrought out in its details, with its fruitful distinctions of common and efficacious grace, of noetic, aesthetic, and thelematic effects, — a gift, we venture to think, so great, so pregnant with benefit to the Church as fairly to give him a place by the side of Augustine and Anselm and Luther, as Theologian of the Holy Spirit, as they were respectively the Theologian of Grace, of the Atonement, and of Justification.

Warfield, B.B., Calvin and Augustine: (p. 23)

(p. 23-24) It was that our eternal felicity [happiness] might hang wholly on God's mighty love — and not on our sinful weakness — that he was so zealous for the doctrine of election: which is nothing more than the ascription of our entire salvation to God . . . All that was good in him, all the good he hoped might be formed in him, he ascribed to the almighty working of this Divine Spirit. The “glory of God alone” — the “leading of the Spirit “ . . . became thus the twin principles of his whole thought and life.

Regeneration — John 3:1-10

- ▶ **Nicodemus – you must be born again.**
 - Cannot see the Kingdom of God (v3)
 - Cannot enter the Kingdom of God (v5)
- ▶ **The Holy Spirit is the Agent of new birth**
- ▶ **Other metaphors**
 - Birth – James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3
 - Creation – 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - Resurrection – Romans 4:17

The New Birth

- ▶ **The Holy Spirit and the Word**
 - Born of water and the Spirit
 - Ephesians 5:26
 - Titus 3:5
 - 1 Peter 1:22-23
- ▶ **The Holy Spirit and the wind**
 - Invisible
 - Sovereign
 - Visible effects

Sanctification – Romans 8:1-14

- ▶ No condemnation in Christ
- ▶ The Spirit gives life to your mortal bodies
- ▶ Set your mind on the things of the Spirit

Sanctification – Galatians 5:16-26

- ▶ Walk in the Spirit!
- ▶ The conflict – the flesh and the Spirit
- ▶ Works of the flesh
- ▶ Fruit of the Spirit
- ▶ Crucifixion of the flesh

Galatians 5:25

*If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.*