The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit in the Godhead
  - The doctrine of the Trinity
  - The revelation of the Word of God
- The Holy Spirit in Biblical history
  - In the Old Testament
  - The expectation of the prophets
  - The life of Christ
  - The teaching of Jesus
  - Pentecost
  - In the history of the early Church
- The Holy Spirit’s particular work in salvation
  - In the unbeliever
  - In the believer
  - In the Church
The Holy Spirit

- In Old Testament history
  - The interface between God and man
  - Creation
  - Preservation of mankind (Genesis 6:6)
  - Enabling by power or wisdom to do the will of God

- The Old Testament prophets
  - Unique role in the Messiah
  - Future “pouring” out the Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit

- Christ’s life on earth
  - Preparation of His body
  - Anointing
  - Power and wisdom
  - Resurrection

- Christ’s teaching
  - Pour out the Holy Spirit
  - Convict sinners
  - Focus on Christ - teach/remind; bear witness

- Pentecost
  - The Promise of God (Acts 1:4-8)
  - Outward signs – wind, fire, tongues
  - Preaching with power and boldness
The Holy Spirit in the Church Age

- Very visible time for the Holy Spirit
  - Old Testament: 75 references
  - New Testament: 225 references
  - Gospels: 47 references
  - Acts: 55 references

- In Acts – action without detailed explanation

- Major areas of the work of the Holy Spirit in this present age
The Holy Spirit

➤ Promise
- Joel 2:28-32 – pour out My Spirit on all flesh
- Matthew 3:11 – Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit
- John 16:7 – Holy Spirit cannot come until Jesus leaves
- Acts 1:4-5 – wait for the Promise of the Father
- Acts 1:8 – the Holy Spirit will come upon you

➤ Acts 2:1-13 – The Holy Spirit came upon the believers

- Explanation – Spirit on all flesh . . . all who call on His Name will be saved
- Jesus is the source of this blessing – salvation & Spirit
- He is Lord and Christ
- Repent; be baptized in His Name for forgiveness of sins
- You will receive the Holy Spirit

➤ Acts of the Holy Spirit
Receiving the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 2:1-49** – Believers waiting for the Promise of the Father
  - Dramatic fulfillment of prophecy
  - Wind and fire
  - Tongues – Languages
  - Numbers 11:24-25 – “They did not continue doing it.”
  - Distinctive for salvation in the current age

- **Acts 8:15-19** – Samaritans
  - First spread beyond ethnic Israel
  - Received the Gospel and were baptized under Philip’s ministry
  - Signs and miracles were done – confirming the Divine approval
  - Holy Spirit not yet given
  - Peter and John came to bring the Holy Spirit to Samaritan believers
  - No signs or wonders
Receiving the Holy Spirit

  - Gospel sent to the Gentiles
  - Cornelius a god-fearing man but unsaved (11:14)
  - Holy Spirit fell upon them while Peter preached forgiveness in Christ
  - Repeat experience as with the believers in Acts 2 (10:47)
  - Speaking in tongues, extolling God
  - Baptized

- Acts 19:1-7 – Disciples of John
  - No knowledge of the Holy Spirit
  - Baptism of John – John baptized those who turned from their sins
  - John told them to believe in the One Who would come – Jesus
  - They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus
  - Unsaved but upright – must have Christ
Witnessing

- Acts 1:8 – Promise – you will be witnesses
- Acts 4:8-13 – arrested; spoke with boldness about Christ
- Acts 4:31 – prayed; spoke with boldness the Word of God
- Acts 5:32 – before the Council; we are witness
- Acts 7:58 – Stephen saw and spoke of Christ
- Acts 9:17-22 – Paul saw and spoke of Christ
Testing and Resisting the Holy Spirit

- Acts 7:51 – resisting the Holy Spirit
Wisdom and service

- Acts 6:3-5 – serving tables
- Acts 6:10 – speaking with Holy Spirit and wisdom
- Acts 11:24 – Barnabas – ministry in the church
- Acts 13:9-12 – Discernment for Paul
- Acts 15:28 – wisdom for the Jerusalem council
- Acts 20:28 – Holy Spirit made you overseers
Internal ministry

Leading

- Acts 8:29-39 – leading Philip to the Ethiopian and away
- Acts 10:19 (11:12) – leading Peter to Cornelius
- Acts 13:2-4 – leading Paul into a missionary journey
- Acts 16:6-7 – leading away from Asia
- Acts 19:21; 20:22-23 – leading Paul to Jerusalem
- Acts 28:25-28 – leading to the Gentiles
Prophecy

- Acts 21:4-12 – predict Paul’s imprisonment
Holy Spirit

➤ The outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  • Initial believing community and new believers at Pentecost
  • Samaritans
  • Gentiles
  • Good, God-fearing people without Christ

➤ Power to witness
  • A clear message
  • Boldness
  • Personal transformation
  • Leading

➤ The result
  • Tongues – 3 instances
  • Peace and joy
  • Wisdom and discernment
  • Spreading the Gospel