

The Power of the Holy Spirit



Part 4

So Far ...

Week 1:

The Power of the Holy Spirit

(Example of Peter from Acts 3-5)

Take Away:

The power of the Spirit makes a significant difference in our ministry efforts and the fruit of those efforts.

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Week 2:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What is the Holy Spirit's Role?

Take Away:

We know very little about the third Person of God Who has so many vital roles in the life of every believer.

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So Far ...

Last Week: What would life look like if we were filled with the Holy Spirit?

Take Away: We mostly rely on our own strength.
We tend to live much of our life, and experience most of our discipleship, without seeking His power.

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Last Week: What would life look like if we were filled with the Holy Spirit?

Take Away: We find non-believers exhibiting more of the “fruit” of the Spirit than we possess, causing us to wonder at the reason.

We can have so little connection with the Spirit that we often accept a faith without the supernatural.

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Coming Up ...

Next Week: **How can I be filled with the Spirit?**
How do I live with and interact with the Spirit?

Next Week: **Is a second baptism of the Holy Spirit necessary?**

The rest of your questions...

Then: **Worship and Communion Night**

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The Holy Spirit

What Would Your Life Look Like?

- Q.** *Are we capable of anything without the Spirit and His gifts?*
- A.** *Yes. We are capable of human-sized efforts, ones that rely entirely on our own talents and abilities.*



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What Would Your Life Look Like?

“I don’t want my life to be explainable without the Holy Spirit. I want people to look at my life and know that I couldn’t be doing this by my own power. I want to live in such a way that I am desperate for Him to come through. That if He doesn’t come through, I am screwed.”

Francis Chan
Forgotten God



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What Would Your Life Look Like?





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Relying On Our Own Power

What could I not have accomplished today without the power of the Holy Spirit?

What did I accomplish today without the power of the Holy Spirit?



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What Questions Do You Have?

Questions Covered In Week 2:

Does the Holy Spirit have a personality?

What is the name of the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit an extension of power of Christ (He is referred to in one instance as the Spirit of Christ)?

What are the roles/responsibilities of the Holy Spirit?

To what extent is the Holy Spirit responsible for our ability to experience God, for faith and for belief?

Why is the Holy Spirit's work hidden or difficult to discern?

Why is the Holy Spirit the least known / least talked about of the Trinity?

Why has the church failed so miserably at teaching about the Holy Spirit and how do we improve that?



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What Questions Do You Have?

Questions We'll Cover in Coming Weeks:

Can you have a healthy walk with God without knowing/understanding the Holy Spirit?

How does the Holy Spirit make your life better/more effective?

How does the Holy Spirit work in our daily lives?

How do we know when the Holy Spirit is present?

How do you determine what the Holy Spirit is, as opposed to deceiving yourself?

What are some of the clearer verses that detail the Holy Spirit and how we should interact with the Spirit?

Since the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Three in One, are you not engaging all parts of the Trinity when you engage any part of God?



The Holy Spirit

What Questions Do You Have?

Questions We'll Cover in Coming Weeks:

Can someone deny the Holy Spirit?

What responsibility do we have for "losing touch" with the Holy Spirit?

Did the Holy Spirit indwell people before Christ came to the earth?

What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to fall upon a person or a group?

What are the boundaries/limitations of the Holy Spirit (if any)?

Can you pray to the Holy Spirit?

Are prayers to the Holy Spirit supposed to be structured differently?

What do you do to communicate with the Holy Spirit?

Does the Holy Spirit use us or usurp us?

How do we reach a good balance of depending on the Holy Spirit vs. working hard?



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What Questions Do You Have?

Questions We'll Cover in Coming Weeks:

Is the Holy Spirit's power manifested in individuals or in the church at large?

Is indwelling of the Spirit dependent on our understanding of this reality, or rather an attitude/posture of the heart?

What matters about the Holy Spirit beyond the spiritual gifts?

Is guidance from the Holy Spirit necessary for salvation?

What does the power of the Holy Spirit look like (also compared to the power of the Father or Christ)?

How can you know it's actually the Holy Spirit speaking to you instead of just your subconscious mind being active?



The Holy Spirit

What Questions Do You Have?

Question We Covered Last Week:

Are we capable of anything without the Spirit and His gifts?

Questions for Tonight:

If I don't see the power of the Spirit evident in my life, does that mean that the Spirit no longer lives in me?

Can the Holy Spirit be earned? Can you lose the Holy Spirit?

Can someone deny the Holy Spirit?

What responsibility do we have for "losing touch" with the Holy Spirit?

To what degree does one have an influence on the experience of / drawing on the Spirit?

Does doubt interfere with the Holy Spirit's work?



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**“And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ,
they do not belong to Christ.”**

Romans 8:9b

**“When you believed, you were marked in him with
a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.”**

Ephesians 1:13b



The Holy Spirit

*What does it mean to
grieve (Eph 4:30) or quench (1 Thes. 5:20)
the Holy Spirit?*



The Holy Spirit

Grieving / Quenching the Spirit

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”



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Grieving / Quenching the Spirit

- bitterness
- rage
- anger
- brawling
- slander
- malice
- being unkind
- being uncompassionate
- failing to forgive

- lying
- prolonged anger
- stealing
- deceitful desires



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Grieving / Quenching the Spirit

“Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.” They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



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Grieving / Quenching the Spirit

“When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”

Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

- Acts 8:18-24



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Grieving / Quenching the Spirit

Check Your Motivations: Do You Long For The Spirit...

- for your own purposes?
- to gain attention for yourself or your ministry?
- to add some “juice” to your spiritual life?

Are You Ready ...

- to let the Spirit completely take over your life?
- to work towards setting aside every sin that hinders?
- to deal with inner attitudes such as bitterness, envy and lust?
- to live into actual intimacy with the Spirit Who lives in you, and to guard and protect against harm to that relationship?



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“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Next Week...



*How Can I Be Filled
With the Holy Spirit?*



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