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DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Why study the Holy Spirit:

1. Trinity becomes personal to us in the Holy Spirit
2. We are living in a time when the work of the Holy Spirit is most prominent

I. Introduction

- I. Jesus sent the advocate to help us (John 14:16).
“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever...”

II. Who is the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 5:3-4) God; a member of the Trinity

“...you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received...you have not lied just to human beings but to God”.

III. What are characteristics of the Holy Spirit?

- A. Romans 8:2: Spirit of life
“...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”
- B. Psalm 139:7: omnipresent
“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?”
- C. John 16:13: Spirit of truth
“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”
- D. Hebrews 9:14: eternal
“...who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, ...”

IV. The Work of the Holy Spirit in Relation to Humankind

- A. Genesis 1:2 - involved in creation
“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.”
- B. John 16:8-11 - convictor of sin
“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...”
- C. John 6:44; Romans 8:30 - calls people to salvation
“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them...”
- D. Titus 3:5-6; John 3:3-8 - gives us new life
“...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our savior...”
- E. I Corinthians 6:19-20 - dwells within us
“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”
- F. Acts 1:8 - gives power

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”

- G. Galatians 5:22-23 - gives fruit of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;

- H. I Corinthians 12/Romans 12 - provides gifts for body of Christ

V. Spiritual gifts

1. What does “charismatic” mean?

charismata = gift; gift of grace

2. What are some of the Spirit’s gifts?

Speaking Gifts

1. *Prophecy (Preaching)*
2. *Teaching*
3. *Exhortation (Encouragement)*
4. *Word of Knowledge*
5. *Word of Wisdom*
6. *Leadership*
7. *Pastor/Shepherd*
8. *Evangelism*

Serving Gifts

1. *Serving/Ministering*
2. *Administration*
3. *Faith*
4. *Mercy*
5. *Giving*
6. *Discernment*

Sign Gifts

1. *Healing*
2. *Miracles*
3. *Tongues*
4. *Interpretation of Tongues*

VI. The role of the Holy Spirit in Relation to Jesus

John 16:13, 14 - He will glorify Christ, not Himself.

“He will not speak on his own...He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”

VII. Unforgivable Sin

Luke 12:10; Mark 3:29; Matthew 12:31 - to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, or give credit to Satan for what God has done.

“And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”

VIII. The Spirit’s Sealing

- A. Ephesians 1:13-14 - As soon as a person puts his trust in Christ he is sealed by the Holy Spirit which is our guarantee of redemption, a down payment.

“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.”

- B. I Corinthians 3:16-17 - The Spirit lives in each individual Christian, whose body is the Spirit’s Temple.

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?”

IX. Filled with the Spirit

- A. Being filled with the Spirit is not a once-for all time experience, but one that may be repeated. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4). A few days later, in a dramatic prayer meeting, they had such an experience again (Acts 4:31).
- B. The filling of the Spirit implies being given power and boldness for God’s service, and strength to meet particular crises. It is possible, and it sometimes happens, that the “Sealing” or “Baptism” of the Spirit and the “Filling” of the Spirit take place at the same time.
- C. The “Filling” of the Spirit is an experience to be repeated as necessary in the life of each believer. We are, literally, to “keep on being filled” (Ephesians 5:18).
- D. To be filled with the Spirit means we allow Him to occupy, guide, and control every area of our lives.
- E. The test as to whether or not you are filled with Spirit is not, “Have you received an external sign or been given a particular gift?” Rather, “Have you given yourself wholly and without reservation to God?” (Romans 12:1).

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MEMORY VERSE #6

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
through wordless groans.*
Romans 8:26

Commentary

To fully understand this verse, it must be considered along with verse 27 which says:

*And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

To explain the first part of verse 26, let us look at 2 Corinthians 12:9. This is a quote from Jesus: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Human weakness provides the ideal opportunity for the display of divine power which is exercised via the Holy Spirit.

The second part of verse 26, along with 27, present an example of one of our weaknesses— not always knowing what to pray for. In this situation the Holy Spirit speaks to God for us, most likely in a non-human language. The reason the Holy Spirit can do this is because His relationship with God the Father is so close that the Holy Spirit's prayers need not be audible. God knows His every thought.

Easy memorization breakdown

- ⇒ Romans 8:26
- ⇒ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness
- ⇒ we do not know what we ought to pray for,
- ⇒ but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
- ⇒ with wordless groans.
- ⇒ Romans 8:26

Practice writing the verse

(Remember to write the reference, too!)