

Theology 101

God the Holy Spirit - Part II

As we touched on last week, the Holy Spirit's work is a major doctrine for the age in which we live. Christ made many bold promises concerning the Spirit's power and we can today reap those benefits of salvation.

- I. The Promise of the Spirit
 - A. Prophesied in the Old Testament - Joel 2:28-29
 - B. Promised by Christ - John 14:15-18, 16:7
 - C. With Christ's payment for sin, the door is opened for the Holy Spirit to work in a believer's life like never before - John 7:39
- II. The Indwelling of the Spirit
 - A. The Holy Spirit is given to every believer - Romans 5:5
 - B. When we are saved, the Holy Spirit takes residence in our hearts - Romans 8:9
 - C. Note - *This differs from the Old Testament age when the Holy Spirit moved temporarily on men - 1 Samuel 11:6, 16:14*
 - D. Therefore, every believer today has the Holy Spirit in them, to guide and empower them - Acts 2:38-39
 - E. This is also seen as the Holy Spirit's sealing the believer - Ephesians 4:30
- III. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - A. Note - *This is an area where many good men will disagree, mainly on semantics (Baptism vs. Filling of the Spirit, for example). Most seem to believe essentially the same things, they just use differing terminologies.*
 - B. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the same as Believer's Baptism.
 1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is essentially spiritual and is part of salvation
 2. Believer's Baptism is essentially physical and a testimony of salvation
 - C. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit uniting us in the redemptive work of Christ - Romans 6:1-4, Colossians 2:12-13
- IV. The Filling of the Holy Spirit
 - A. Lewis Sperry Chafer defines it: "a spiritual state where the Holy Spirit is fulfilling all that He came to do in the heart and life of the individual believer. It is not a matter of acquiring more of the Spirit, but rather the Spirit of God acquiring all of the individual."
 - B. To illustrate the differences between Indwelling, Baptism, and Filling.
 1. Through the Indwelling of the Spirit, we have the Spirit's presence entirely.
 2. Through the Baptism of the Spirit, we have the Spirit's work entirely.
 3. Through the Filling of the Spirit, we have the Spirit influence and effect grows in proportion to our surrender, faithfulness, and holiness.
 - C. Illustrated by Peter (Acts 4:8), Paul (Acts 9:17), Stephen (Acts 7:55), and more.
 - D. The command to "walk in the Spirit" is the command for us to let the Holy Spirit fill our lives - Galatians 5:16
 - E. Results of the Spirit's filling
 1. Godliness - Galatians 5:22-23
 2. Guidance - Romans 8:14

3. Instruction - John 14:26
4. Christ-centeredness - John 16:13-14
5. Assurance - Romans 8:16
6. Power - Romans 15:13