

Baptized in the Spirit

1. Last week we looked at the back ground of the condition of Israel...the political ...
the social groups...and religious groups in Israel at the time of Jesus
 - a. I tried to make the point...that Jesus...in His wisdom...choose the common sinners...to be the ministers the gospel of salvation
 - b. What I would like for us to take away this week...is that the church of Jesus...has all the tools they need...to be ministers of the gospel today
 - c. Although Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father...the disciples were still able to do ministry
 - d. The reason they were able to do ministry...is because the Father gives His Son's new church...the power of the Holy Spirit...
 - e. There are many reasons why the Father sends the Holy Spirit...I picked these 3 crucial reasons to why the church needs the HS
2. Slide...1. In order for Jesus to command His church through the Holy Spirit
3. Slide...2. To create unity within the church body
4. Slide...3. To give power to minster and witness the gospel of Christ to the world
 - a. Of course...we Christians know...that Satan always wants to oppose what God is doing
 - b. What Satan wants to do...is to confuse man...just like in the garden of Eden...by making the Holy Spirit something it was never meant to be

- c. Satan wants us to believe...that we are unqualified to minister the gospel...or in other words...
 - d. We lack the power of the Holy Spirit...to be ministers of the gospel and to be witness for Jesus
 - e. Satan also wants to divide the church...by redefining the term...baptism in the Holy Spirit...to mean something it has never meant before
 - f. This term baptism in the HS...was never a problem in the early church
 - g. In fact...the term Baptism in the HS only started to be even debated amongst Christians...in the 1700's
 - h. Remember...the 1700's is during the enlightenment age of the church...when people started reading scripture for themselves
 - i. The readers were confused...by this term baptism in the HS
 - j. Realize...confusion is not a problem...all they had to do is let scripture interpret scripture...in order to gain understanding
 - k. Not until 1901...did the Pentecostal movement took off...and in 1960's is when the Charismatic movement started
 - l. From the time of Pentecost 33 AD...until 1900's...the Holy Spirit was sent to be a helper...and was never...never...meant to bring dis-unity
 - m. As for me...I want to teach on things that bring unity...to God's church...and never do I want to do anything that brings dis-unity
 - n. Let's read what Paul says in
5. 1 Cor 12:12-14, 12 For as the body is one...and has many members...but all the members...of that one body...being many...are one body...so also...is Christ. 13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free (in other words...all people) and have all been made to drink into **ONE** Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member...but many.

NKJV (But still one Spirit)

- a. It is important for us to understand...that the Holy Spirit is active...for the purpose of bringing the church together...in unity
- b. Never...never...would the Holy Spirit divide the church
- c. If there is division in the church...blame slime face...and his influence on man...not the Holy Spirit
- d. The church is to be solid...working together as one...enjoying each other...celebrating the different giftings of the Holy Spirit
- e. And suffering when our brothers or sisters are suffering
- f. As we go through the book of Acts...we will see the Holy Spirit...is the very power the church needs for fellowship
- g. The very power to do ministry...and the power to be witness for Christ
- h. When we use scripture to interpret scripture...we start to understand the working of the Holy Spirit
- i. Such as the indwelling...the sealing...and filling of the Holy Spirit
- j. I am going to take the time this morning...to allow Scripture to show us the 3 different workings of the Holy Spirit
- k. Realize...each of these working of the Holy Spirit...are for a greater purpose...like to build the church of Jesus Christ

1. Before I can get in to all that...I need to handle the introduction of the book of Acts and deal with verses 1 and 2
 - m. I promise to get to the workings of the Holy Spirit
6. Acts 1:1-2a, 1 The former account I made (**the gospel of Luke**), O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, NKJV
 - a. In verse 1...Luke is making reference to his first writing...we refer to this first writing...as the gospel of Luke
 - b. The gospel of Luke covered all that Jesus did and taught...until Jesus was taken up...or ascended into heaven
 - c. Luke was not one of the 12 original disciples...
 - d. But rather wrote to Theophilus about the things Jesus did...and taught based...on the testimony of the disciples
 - e. Luke was commissioned to investigate the life of Jesus...by a man named Theophilus...keep a finger in Acts and turn to Luke chapter one
7. Luke 1:1-4, 1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may know the certainty of those things in **which you were** (**past tense**) instructed. NKJV
 - a. The question that many scholars have wrestled with is...who is Theophilus

- b. The name...Theophilus...is a Greek name...which makes Theophilus a Greek man...his name means lover of God...or one who loves God
- c. There are many theologians that think Luke was Theophilus's slave...who was sent out or commissioned to learn more about the life of Jesus
- d. Now the end of verse 4 said...that you may know the certainty...of the things you were instructed...past tense
- e. Because of that little phrase...many believe that Theophilus was a Christian...who wanted to know more about Jesus
- f. You may say... wait a minute...I thought Luke was a doctor...He was a doctor...this is how learning history helps us understand our Bible
- g. 2000 years ago...doctors were different...than doctors today.
- h. There was not licensing board deciding who was...and who wasn't a doctor... many doctors were crooks...or quacks
- i. 2000 years ago...doctors weren't wealthy...they weren't living in the nice big house...collecting large incomes
- j. Without getting to deep into the history...many people were forced into slavery...when a concurring nation came in...and took people as plunder
- k. So it would seem...that Theophilus...a wealthy Greek man...at some time in his life...came to know Christ as his Lord and Savior
- l. Then he employed or commissioned Luke to become Paul's friend...and Paul was in need of a doctor friend...so God worked it out
- m. Luke was an educated man...and wrote in a high...or classic Greek...which was a very descriptive form of writing

- n. Here is my point...Luke didn't sit down and say...today...I am going to write scripture...
 - o. But rather the Holy Spirit used Luke to give a very descriptive...accurate account to the life of Jesus...based on the testimony of the apostles
 - p. And then...to give an account of what happened in the early church...we call this...the book of Acts
 - q. Luke didn't start to participate in ministry with Paul until Acts chapter 16
 - r. The reason I can say this...is because when we get to chapter Acts 16...the narrative changes in Luke's writings from the 3rd person...to the 1st person
 - s. In other words...Luke is now an eye witness to what the Holy Spirit and Paul are doing...starting in chapter 16
 - t. The narrative goes from they did this...to we did this...because now Luke is including himself...back to acts
8. Acts 1:2-3, 2 until the day in which He (Jesus) was taken up, after He (Jesus) **through the Holy Spirit** had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering...by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. NKJV
- a. Verse one told us...how the gospel of Luke contained all that Jesus began to do and teach...until the day He was taken up
 - b. Verse 2...after Jesus ascended...Jesus...continues to give commands...to the apostles...through the Holy Spirit

9. Slide...After Jesus ascended, He continued to give commands to the apostles, through the Holy Spirit
 - a. Verse 3 told us...that for the first 40 days...Jesus appeared to the apostles and continued to teach them about the kingdom of God
 - b. Lets put these events in order...Now before Jesus ascends into heaven
 - c. He presented Himself in His resurrected body...to the disciples for 40 days after his death...on the cross
 - d. Jesus was teaching the apostles...more things...about the kingdom of God for those 40 days
 - e. Notice that little phrase...in verse 3...many infallible proofs
 - f. This is saying...the disciples were convinced that Jesus was alive and well
 - g. That Jesus was...who He said He was...and that Jesus was the Son of God...and the Lord Himself
 - h. Think about this...you walk with Jesus for 3.5 years...He dies...you bury Him...3 days later...He suddenly appears
 - i. Then He continues to teach more about this new kingdom of God for 40 days in His resurrected body
 - j. Then He ascends into heaven...and continues to teach and command the apostles...now through the Holy Spirit
 - k. Here is my point...Jesus died...but the ministry did not stop...Jesus ascends into heaven...ministry doesn't stop
 - l. The book of Acts end at chapter 28...the same ministry continues today
 - m. For each generation...they each get to write their own book of acts

- n. Jesus continues to teach us...and do things through us...still today...by the means of the same Holy Spirit...
- o. The Lord is the same today...as yesterday...and forever will...He remain the same
- p. The same Holy Spirit...is present with us today...indwelling us... and empowering us...
- q. It is the same Jesus speaking to us...through the same Holy Spirit

10. Slide...The work of Jesus on the cross is finished, but the unfinished work continues through each next generation, by works of the Holy Spirit

11. Acts 1:4, 4 And being assembled together with them, He (Jesus) commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; NKJV (Jesus already told them)

- a. We who have studied the book of Acts...already know the reason why Jesus tells them to stay in Jerusalem
- b. The Holy Spirit is to come upon them in 10 days...during the feast of Pentecost.
- c. I'm sure you have figured out by listening to me preach...I love to talk about the great commission...to go...I love the idea of going
- d. But sometimes...the Lord commands us to wait...to wait upon the Lord
- e. This is a lesson I am still learning...when God says go...I really don't hesitate...but when God says wait...I say why...lets go
- f. Jesus says...to wait...to wait for the promise of the Father...and Jesus told them they will need the Holy Spirit to baptize them into the body of Christ

g. Here is the promise of the Father...keep your finger in Acts

12. John 15:26-27, (Jesus speaking) 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you...from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. NKJV

a. This helper, the Holy Spirit, is sent by the Father, for the purpose to testify about Jesus...and empowers people...to witness about Jesus

b. Please notice...John doesn't say to testify about the Holy Spirit...or testify about what I experienced through the workings of the Holy Spirit

c. But rather...to empower us to testify about Jesus...and be witnesses for Jesus

d. Acts 1:5...is where much confusion and debate comes from...because baptism in the HS can be difficult to express what it means

e. Many people want to define what it means...based on an experience they had...without understanding how scripture explains the workings of the HS

f. People experience things differently...my experience of a carnival ride...will be different than yours...but it is the same ride

g. Unless you allow scripture to interpret scripture...to show us the 3 workings of the Holy Spirit...we will get confused

h. Turn back to Acts...realize Jesus is saying this...when He was with them in His resurrected body for the 40 days

13. Acts 1:5-7, 5 for John (the Baptist) truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they

had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. NKJV

- a. We can see the disciples are still confused...by the question they ask...is this the time for Jesus to restore the kingdom to Israel...no...church age
- b. Jesus is trying to explain to them...that they need to be baptized in the 3 workings of the Holy Spirit...in order to minister the gospel of Christ

14. Slide...The 3 workings of the Holy Spirit found in scripture, are with, indwelling, and upon

- a. The 3 different workings of the HS...in scripture...are determined by the prepositions used in the higher or classic Greek writings of Luke

15. Slide...The Greek prepositions are para for with, en for indwelling, and epi for upon

- a. The Holy Spirit comes along side us...revealing who Jesus is,
- b. Then the HS indwells you at salvation.....and then upon you for the purpose to empower us to be a witness
- c. Ok...I think I need to back this up with scripture

- a. We find the first 2 workings of the Holy Spirit in...**keep finger in acts**

16. John 14:15-17, 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. NKJV

- a. The words with and in...in verse 17 are workings of the Holy Spirit
- b. The Holy Spirit dwells with you...present tense...and then...after Jesus dies for sin...then the HS will dwell in you...at salvation
- c. The first Greek preposition is para...which means to come along side us...or with us...this is where we get our word parallel
- d. This para work of the Holy Spirit...convicts the sinner...and tells the sinner... they need forgiveness of sin through Jesus
- e. Once the sinner accepts Jesus as Savior...then the next work of the Holy Spirit happens...the Holy Spirit indwells the newly saved person
- f. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the very evidence of salvation
- g. The disciples have already received this second working of the Holy Spirit...we find this in

17. John 20:19-23, 19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, (**Resurrected Body**) and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. NKJV

- a. So the disciples are receiving the indwelling of the Holy Spirit...salvation
- b. Here is what is confusing...they just received the Holy Spirit from Jesus in John 20...

- c. And yet...Jesus is telling them in Acts...to wait in Jerusalem in order to receive the Holy Spirit
- d. The reason Jesus tells them to wait in Jerusalem is so they can receive the 3rd working of the Holy Spirit
- e. We find this 3rd working of the Holy Spirit in

18. Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come **upon** you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

- f. The reason the disciples needed to wait in Jerusalem
- g. Is for the Holy Spirit to come upon them...an overflowing of the Holy Spirit...to give them the power to be witnesses for Christ
- h. The Greek word for witness is the word Martus...this is where we get the English word Martyr from...So what does this look like
- i. The best way...I ever saw this taught is with a glass and a pitcher of water

19. Demonstrate

- i. Glass is Christian
- ii. Pitcher of water is the Holy Spirit
- iii. Hold glass and pitcher together...this is what with looks like
- iv. Pour water into glass...this is what indwelling looks like
- v. Keep pouring water...this is what upon looks like
- a. How important is it to have the Holy Spirit to come upon the Christian
- b. It takes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to change the heart of man

- c. Trying to overcome sin in the flesh...without the power of the Holy Spirit...will cause us to fail miserably
- d. Is there a special power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...yes
- e. It is for the power to become a new creation...to die to your selfish ways...to surrender fully to Christ....to be a witness or martyr
- f. We are to live a life...in such a way...that shows the world...how Jesus changes man...to be so committed...even to die for faith
- g. Jesus said...There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

Pray...Lord thank you for the HS...that we can hear your voice through the HS...that we are indwelled by Your Spirit as our guarantee of salvation...that we receive all the power we need to be your witnesses...as this generation writes our own book of Acts...we thank you that this church has everything we need to advance the kingdom of God...for your glory I pray this in gratitude...and as always...may you receive the glory for what happens in this church...Amen