

WEEK 1: POWER & PERSONHOOD

Week 2: *PLUNGING INTO GOD*
 Week 3: *Gifts of Grace*
 Week 4: *Being Filled With God*

INTRODUCTION – Is It A Ghost? Or Is It The Wind?

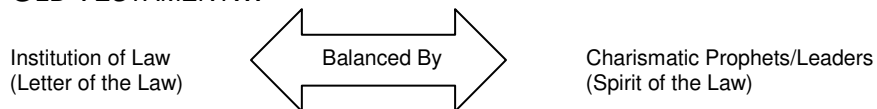
“Spirit” = *ruah* (Hebrew); *pneuma* (Greek)

GOD AS OUR LIFE FORCE – THE AIR WE BREATHE...

Genesis 2:7; 7:15, 22; Job 33:4; 34:14-15; Psalm 139; 104:29-30
 Acts 17:28; Colossians 1:17; 1 John 4:16

The Holy Spirit & History

OLD TESTAMENT...

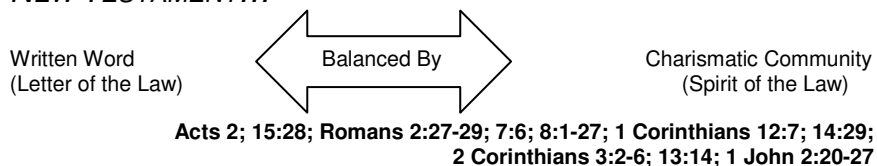


Between the Testaments (the Intertestamental Period), the Spirit goes silent, leaving only the letter of the law to rule (**Zechariah 13:2-6**; also see 1 Maccabees 4:44-46; 9:27). But a promise remained, that one day the Spirit would return to usher in the New Covenant (**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Zechariah 12:10**).

MESSIAH COMES...

Matthew 1:18-20; 3:11; 12:28; 28:19; Mark 1:10-12; 13:11; Luke 1:35, 41, 67; 2:25-27; 4:1-21; 10:21; 11:9-13; 12:11-12; John 6:36; 7:37-39; 20:22

NEW TESTAMENT...



The Holy Spirit & You

If you are a Christian... **John 7:37-39**

Parakletos (**John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7**) = Comforter, Advocate, Counsellor, Helper

If you are not a Christian... **John 16:7-11**

The Holy Spirit & Scripture

**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 3:7
 Romans 2:28-29; 7:6; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Luke 24:27; John 5:39-40**

The Holy Spirit & Jesus

Identified with Jesus...

Acts 16:7; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6; Philippians 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11

Centred on Jesus...

John 14:15-18, 26; 15:26; 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3

CONCLUSION – Receiving The Holy Spirit

Luke 11:9-13

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

WARMING UP...

1. Use your notes to review this week's message. Talk about what points most challenged, perplexed, or encouraged you.
2. What most excites and/or concerns you about what lies ahead in this series? Why?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read **1 Corinthians 12**, taking time to read it through in different translations if possible. a) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? b) When the Holy Spirit is active, Jesus is given centre stage. Where do you find this “Christocentric” principle in this passage? c) Why are individual Christians given spiritual gifts? (Base your answer on the text.) d) Who decides who gets what gifts? Should we feel personally responsible if we don't have certain gifts? e) According to this passage, what does it mean to be “baptized” by the Spirit? Is this baptism of the Spirit something that happens as part of becoming a Christian, or something that we should try to experience later, after becoming a Christian? f) Does this passage suggest that there is one specific gift that all Christians should have, or that Christians should expect to have different gifts? (Again, be sure to base your answer on the text.) g) What do you think makes some gifts “greater” than others (**verse 31**)?

SO WHAT?...

4. What body part would you identify yourself as being? In other words, what would you say is your primary gift to offer the body of Christ?
5. Review **verses 22-26**. What are some specific things you can do a) as an individual, and b) as a Home Church, to partner with God in giving greater honour to those members of the body who seem to lack it or who are “weaker”?

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