

Theme: The Holy Spirit is the Empowering Presence of God Himself, sent to grant wisdom, power, gifts, and character from the Holy Trinity to the people of God.

## **I. Intro – A New Series on the Spirit**

- A. Our focal points for this year
- B. We have been looking at led by Spirit
- C. We will discuss both portions in this series
- D. Begin with the Person of the Holy Spirit

## **II. Deity of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity**

- A. Paul's Trinitarian benediction (2 Cor 13:14)
- B. The Holy Spirit in the OT
  - 1. Gen 1:2; Psalm 51:11; Isa 63:10/Eph 4:30
  - 2. Augustine's dictum of progressive revelation
- C. NT references to Holy Spirit as Deity
  - 1. The Spirit's Personal work & will – 1 Cor 12:11
  - 2. The Spirit's emotion – Eph 4:30
  - 3. Spirit's voice – Heb 10:15-17; Acts 28:25-27
  - 4. Trinitarian references in NT
    - a. Jesus ministry – Luke 3:21-22; Mt 28:19-20
    - b. Paul – 2 Cor 1:21-22; Rom 14:17-18; 15:16
    - c. General – 1 Pet 1:2; Jude 20-21 (ESV)

## **III. The Spirit of Power**

- A. Spirit – Immateriality or energy/movement/power?
  - 1. Certainly can include immateriality
  - 2. Yet central is idea of energy/movement/power
    - a. Power – Judges 3:10; 14:6
    - b. Skill – Ex 35:30-31
    - c. Wisdom, gifts – Is 11:1-3
    - d. Character – Isa 11:4-5
- B. Our need for fellowship with the Spirit (2Co 13:14)
  - 1. We need grace from Christ, love from Father
  - 2. We also need fellowship with Spirit!
  - 3. HS gives God's people power for life, ministry

## **IV. Conclusion & Summary**

- A. Do we see importance of the Trinity
  - 1. This is not some esoteric/philosophic minutiae
  - 2. This lies at the heart of the faith
  - 3. Our God is Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit
  - 4. Need to learn to relate to each Person in Trinity
- B. Do we see the Spirit is Personal – God?
  - 1. Spirit is not just a force or channel – Personal

2. Garey will deal with this more next week
  3. Also know that this Person is God
  4. Don't be flippant – He is Lord of all
- C. Do we see our need for the Spirit
1. All we need is given to us in Christ
  2. Spirit is One who connects us to Christ
  3. He gives us wisdom, gifts, power, character
  4. He meets us in Word & Sacrament to do this
  5. Come to the Table to receive from Spirit

## The Holy Spirit - The Empowering Presence of God

2 Corinthians 13:14

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<sup>2</sup> 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. Genesis 1:2

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your **Holy Spirit** from me. Psalm 51:11

<sup>10</sup> Yet they rebelled and **grieved his Holy Spirit**. Isaiah 63:10a

<sup>30</sup> And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

The New is in the Old concealed, And in the New, the Old revealed  
Saint Augustine

**<sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:11**

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

<sup>15</sup> The **Holy Spirit also testifies** to us about this. First **he says**: <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant **I** will make with them after that time, **says the Lord**. **I** will put my laws in their hearts, and **I** will write them on their minds." <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts **I** will remember no more." Hebrews 10:15-17

<sup>25</sup> They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "**The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet**: <sup>26</sup> "Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." <sup>27</sup> For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and **I would heal them.**" Acts 28:25-27

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, **Jesus** was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And **a voice came from heaven**: "**You are my Son**, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22

**<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**... Matt 28:19**

<sup>21</sup> Now it is **God** who makes both us and you stand firm in **Christ**. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his **Spirit** in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the **Holy Spirit**, <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves **Christ** in this way is pleasing to **God** and approved by men. Romans 14:17-18

<sup>16</sup> to be a minister of **Christ Jesus** to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of **God**, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the **Holy Spirit**. Romans 15:16

<sup>2</sup> who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:2

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the **Holy Spirit**; <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of **God**, waiting for the mercy of our **Lord Jesus Christ** that leads to eternal life. Jude 1:20-21 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> The **Spirit of the LORD came upon him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war**. The LORD gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who **overpowered** him. Judges 3:10

<sup>6</sup> **The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power** so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. Judges 14:6

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>31</sup> and **he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts--** Exodus 35:30-31

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- <sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears....

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. Isaiah 11:1-5