

Theme: The Spirit was active in both our creation and redemption, and in His ongoing work in our lives He is restoring God's original intent for creation and our place within it.

## I. Intro – Gnosticism, Nature & Grace

- A. Gnosticism (some) – YHWH demiurge creator
- B. Made distinction between OT God and NT God
- C. Made distinction between Creator and Redeemer
- D. What is relationship of creation & redemption?
- E. What is the Spirit's role in each?

## II. The Holy Spirit in the Work of Creation

- A. The Creator Spirit
  - 1. Gen 1:1-2 – Spirit hovers; not wind
    - a. Meaning of ruach can be either
    - b. רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים – always Spirit of God (or from)
    - c. Clearly God at work (vv1-3)
  - 2. Job 33:4 – made by the Spirit of God
  - 3. Ps 104:30 – send Spirit to create, renew

- B. Creation – from Father, through Son, by Spirit

## III. The Holy Spirit in the Work of Redemption

- A. The Redeemer Spirit
  - 1. John 3:3,5,8 – regenerated by the Spirit

- a. vv:3,5 – can't see Spirit unless born of Spirit
- b. v8 – wind, born of Spirit

- 2. 2 Cor 3:13-18 – veil, removed, liberty in Spirit

- B. Redemption – Father elects, Son works, Spirit applies

## IV. The Spirit of Creation and Redemption

- A. These two are inseparably linked
  - 1. Deut 32:9-12 - clear link of creation & exodus
    - a. Exodus – redemption of Israel – creation motifs
    - b. Barren/hovers – רוּחַ and רָחַף –
    - c. Only here and Gen 1:1-2 in all torah
  - 2. Ex 14:19–22 – divided light, dark, water, land
  - 3. Is 63:11-14 – Spirit, divided waters, rest (Neh 9:19-20)
  - 4. Ex 20:8-11 – Sabbath – creation
  - 5. Deut 5:12-15 – Sabbath, rest, redemption!
  - 6. Eph 4:22-24, 30, 5:1 – new man, like God, Spirit, imitate
- B. Redemption: restoration of original creation by Spirit

## V. Applying the Word

- A. Are we thankful for the Spirit's work in C&R?
  - 1. We owe our very lives to God - & Spirit!
  - 2. We owe our redemption to God - & Spirit!

3. The Spirit removed the veil so we could see
  4. We should give Him praise & thanks!
- B. Do we see the Spirit's work in C&R?
1. These themes are linked in Scripture
  2. Are we Christian – or Gnostic?
  3. Do we see the Creator is the Redeemer?
- C. Do we see being filled w/ Spirit propels into creation?
1. Spiritual does not pull us out of creation
  2. Gnostic tendencies have killed us!
  3. Gov't; entertainment; media; education, etc
  4. Also to enjoy God's good creation (1Ti 4:1-5)
  5. Spirit makes me bigger, truly human -1<sup>st</sup> time!
  6. Gifts not only for in the church – bless world
  7. Spirit filled – in the world – but not of it!
  8. Creation groans and longs for us

## The Spirit of Creation and Redemption

Genesis 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 32:9-12

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1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

<sup>4</sup> **The Spirit of God has made me**; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4

<sup>30</sup> **When you send your Spirit, they are created**, and you renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104:30

<sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.**" ... <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, **no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit....**

<sup>8</sup> The **wind** blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone **born of the Spirit.**" John 3:3,5, 8

<sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

<sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:13-18

<sup>9</sup> For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance. <sup>10</sup> In a desert land he found him, in a **barren** and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, <sup>11</sup> like an eagle that stirs up its nest and **hovers** over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. <sup>12</sup> The LORD alone led him; no foreign god was with him. Deuteronomy 32:9-12

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The **pillar of cloud** also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night **the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side**; so neither went near the other all night long.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east **wind** and turned it into dry land. **The waters were divided**, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on **dry ground**, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. Exodus 14:19-22

<sup>11</sup> Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people-- where is he who brought them **through the sea**, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who **set his Holy Spirit among them**, <sup>12</sup> who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who **divided the waters** before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, <sup>13</sup> who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; <sup>14</sup> like cattle that go down to the plain, they were **given rest by the Spirit of the LORD**. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name. Isaiah 63:11-14

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the **Sabbath** day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> **For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth**, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11

<sup>12</sup> "Observe the **Sabbath** day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may **rest**, as you do. <sup>15</sup> **Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.** Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the **new self, created to be like God** in true righteousness and holiness.... <sup>30</sup> **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of **redemption**. ... <sup>5:1</sup> **Be imitators of God**, therefore, as dearly loved children Eph4:22-24, 30, 5:1