

Holy Spirit and Power



BALANCING FAITH
AND LIFE



Theology IV. Holy Spirit

God Is... Triune

1. Father in Creation
 - a. God said (spoke)...
 - b. God breathed...
 - c. God's voice walked...
2. Son in Redemption
 - a. Spoken by the Son (Heb. 1:1-2)
 - b. Created all things (Heb. 1:1-2; I Cor. 1:16)
3. Holy Spirit in Regeneration
 - a. The workmanship of God is your gift (Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)

“For his invisible attributes, namely, his **eternal power** and **divine nature**, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse” (**Romans 1:20 (ESV)**).

What are the invisible attributes of God?
Eternal power, divine nature of the Holy Spirit, everlasting gospel,



The Holy Spirit

1. The infilling of the Spirit is the essence of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
2. The Holy Spirit is the promised blessing of Abraham's heir (Galatians 3:13-14).
3. The Old Testament heroes of faith did not receive the "promise" which is the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; 2:39; Heb. 11:39-40).
4. The Holy Spirit is a universal gift, given to anyone who believes and obeys the gospel (Acts 2:16-17; 2:38-39).

- a. The greatest objective of God's plan of salvation is that we might receive the Holy Spirit, for God wants to dwell in His people.
- b. Communion and fellowship were among the prime reasons that the eternal God chose to create mankind. Since God is a Spirit, fellowship between God and mankind must be primarily spiritual in nature.



Power of the Holy Spirit

1. Power to create...
2. Power of the word...
3. Power of the Spirit...
4. Power to renew...
5. Power to guide...
 - a. Fire
 - b. Cloud

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground” (**Psalm 143:10 (ESV)**)!

“When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works” (**Psalm 104:30-31 (ESV)**).

1. Filled with the Spirit of God you are embolden enough to testify and demonstrate God’s miraculous, life changing power.
2. The word “power” in Acts 1:8 derives from the Greek word “Dunamis” it mean strength, ability, power, it correlates to explosive. God gives us strength or ability to perform miracles. Jesus stated that miracles would be one of the signs that would follow believers, thus making them witnesses of His power. (See Mark 16:17-18.)

Empowered to Witness

1. Redemption and the Ministry of Reconciliation came by the blood...
2. Power and Restoration came by the Holy Spirit.
3. “So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (**Acts 1:6-8 (ESV)**).



A World Without a Comforter

1. “Again, I saw **all the oppressions** that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of **the oppressed**, and they had **no one to comfort** them! On the side of **their oppressors** there was power, and there was **no one to comfort** them. And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. ³ But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun” (**Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 (ESV)**).
2. The word comfortless comes from the Greek word “Orfanos”, which means “orphan.” The same Greek word is translated “fatherless” in James 1:27.
3. Jesus stated that He would not leave His disciples “fatherless” signifying His place as Father of all Creation. (John 1:1-3; John 13:33; Heb. 3:3-4; Rev. 4:11)



Baptism of The Holy Spirit

1. Many of the Old Testament prophets foretold the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They may not have completely understood or fully comprehended the messages and its characteristics they wrote about as they were moved by the Spirit that was upon them. “Holy Men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (II Peter 1:21).
2. (See Joel 2:28-29.)
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Divine Nature of the Holy Spirit

Power to abide...

- a. In Spirit in us
- b. In God's eternal power
- c. In the everlasting gospel

“Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us” (**1 John 3:24 (ESV)**).



Divine Nature of the Holy Spirit

How blessed we are to partake of God's divine nature through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit! Every person is in a position today to receive this biblical experience that is available to all mankind.

- a. The Spirit was promised by the prophets
- b. He was promised by Jesus Christ
- c. He was received by believers of the church in the Book of Acts
- d. He has been received by millions since the day of Pentecost
- e. He can be received by anyone today
- f. It was asked the disciples in Ephesus, "have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?"



Questions review Chapter

1. What is your position concerning the Holy Spirit? What do you think about the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the purpose of regeneration?
3. In this life many people will give up on themselves because of circumstance they are facing. What does it really mean to be without power in your life?
4. How does the Holy Spirit give us hope and will-power?
5. How is communion and fellowship between God and man made possible by the Holy Spirit?



Type of Holy Spirit

Genesis 24 Isaac and Rebecka

1. Did not go unsent vs. 2-9
2. Went where sent vs. 4, 10
3. Was wise to win vs. 17-18, 21
4. Spoke not off himself vs. 22, 34, 36
5. Required a clear decision vs. 49
6. Led the bride to the groom vs. 61-67

How does this story of Isaac and Rebecka portray a type of Holy Spirit?

