

c. Paul writes that because of what Christ has done for us, and receiving the Holy Spirit, we are changed, transformed. The direction of our life is to “walk” (vs. 4) *not* according to fleshly desires, but to “walk” in God’s ways. How do the following passages help us understand what it means to follow fleshly desires, and to follow the Spirit? See Col. 3:5-9 (flesh); Col. 3:10-17 (Spirit); Gal. 5:19-21 (flesh); Gal. 5:22-25 (Spirit)

d. Paul writes there are two ways to use our minds. We can set our minds on the flesh or the Spirit. What is the result of setting your mind on the flesh vs. the Spirit? (See also Prov. 14:12; Prov. 14:27; Rom. 15:13)

e. The Trinity is God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One Godhead in three persons who are co-eternal and co-equal. How does Paul’s explanation of having the Spirit and saying “the Spirit is life” (vs. 8-9) help us understand the doctrine of the Trinity? (See John 1:1-4; Ps. 36:9; John 17:20-23; John 14:15-17, 20-21, 23)

f. What do believers in Christ have to look forward to because of having the Holy Spirit?

g. Romans 8:13 shows that we have a responsibility with the help of the Holy Spirit to grow in Christ likeness. Why is this important? (See also Matt. 7:17-20; John 15:4-8)

Taking It Home – Prayer

- Thank God for his Holy Spirit, and pray he continues to mature us for his service and glory

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Look In! at the Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Activity of the Holy Spirit in the OT.

Active in creation. *Gen 1.2*

Active in coming upon a person. *Judg. 14:6; 15:14-15; Num. 11:17, 25; 1 Sam. 10:6; 16:13*

Active in leaving a person. *1 Sam. 16:14; Ps. 51:11*

Active in writing the OT. *2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16*

The Coming of the Holy Spirit was Prophesied.

In the OT. *Ezek. 36:26-27*

By Jesus. *John 14:15-17; 16:7-8*

The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus prepares his disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. *John 20:22; Acts 1:4-5, 8*

The Holy Spirit comes to the disciples at Pentecost. *Acts 2:1-4*

The Holy Spirit’s coming explained by Peter. *Acts 2:15-21*

OT prophecy of the Messiah is fulfilled in Jesus.

God has provided the way for salvation in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit draws people to salvation in Jesus.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit to Every Believer in Christ.

The Holy Spirit draws you and convicts you of sin. *John 6:44; 16:8*

The Holy Spirit aids in your spiritual rebirth. *John 3:3, 5-6; Ezek. 36:26-27, 2 Cor. 5:17*

The benefits of having the Holy Spirit

1. He seals you for the day of redemption. *Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30*
2. He dwells with us. *John 14:16-17*
3. He illuminates the Bible for us. *Ps. 119:105; John 17:17; Ps. 119:160*
4. He helps us live a righteous life. *Gal. 5:22*
5. He helps you in your prayer life. *Rom. 8:26-27*
6. He helps us serve the church with spiritual gifts. *1 Cor. 13:8; Heb. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-9; Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 13:4-8*

Sermon Based Bible Study

Week of April 18, 2021

From Sunday's message...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

Getting Connected

What do you typically think or respond when you hear talk about the Holy Spirit?

Going Further-Growing in Christ

1. Review our April Bible verse: John 11:25 – *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."*
2. Missionary of the Week: This week pray for Transformation Ministries as they plant new churches, equip pastors, and support ministries in our association of churches.
3. PT With God: Share what God has been teaching you in your personal time with God.
4. **Bible Passage for Study: Romans 8:1-28**
 - a. What are the two types of law Paul shows us? (vs. 2)
 - b. How does a person receive the law of the spirit of life, and what is the power of receiving the Spirit? (vs. 2)