



This week's sermon

Innocent Blood, a Demon, and the Holy Spirit

1 Samuel 19

Jesus died for our sins while we were still sinners. Jesus rescues and forgives anyone who believes in Him. How much more will He rescue us now that we have been forgiven by Him?

God and Demons:

1. God is sovereign over all things, including angels and demons.
2. God even uses demons for his own purposes.
3. God limits demons, keeping them from destroying mankind, especially believers.

Salvation is still by faith, just like in the times of the Old Testament. But unlike in the time before Jesus died and rose, the Spirit of God is now given as a constant, indwelling presence that is better than anything experienced by the people of the Old Testament.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read each of the following passages and write everything it says about what the Holy Spirit is or does.

John 14:26

John 3:5-6

Acts 4:31

Titus 3:4-7

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Romans 8:26

How can you apply this to your life today?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: If you could shrink any animal to puppy size, which animal would you own?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ How is your bible reading going? Do you feel like you're having a hard time staying caught up?
- ❖ Read the first point on the MAP. Sometimes God puts us in situations where someone is being harmed or bullied by a stronger person in order to test our willingness to protect the innocent. Tell of a time when you stood up for someone or when you saw someone stand up for someone else. OR tell of a time when no one stood up for someone else who was being mistreated.
- ❖ How can you stand up for babies who are living in their mother's wombs?
- ❖ Read the part of the MAP about God and demons. Which of the 3 points surprised you OR which one do you think is most important for you to understand?
- ❖ Why shouldn't we be afraid of demons?
- ❖ How can you know you have the Holy Spirit?
- ❖ When the Holy Spirit came on Saul, he prophesied for a short time. But if you're a believer, the Holy Spirit stays with you. What is one of your spiritual gifts? (It doesn't have to be a "supernatural" gift!)

APPLICATION: How can you use the spiritual gift you shared about to love God by loving people?