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JOHN 16:01-15
BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. INTRODUCTION

A. **John 16:1–15 (NKJV) — 1** “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. **3** And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. **4** But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. “And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. **5** “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **12** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

B. There is a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the Holy Spirit!

1. In “some” churches today your “experience” there may have left you a little fearful.

a) As a result, many people think if they allow the Holy Spirit to have control of their lives that they will uncontrollably begin to speak in tongues at the most inopportune moment.

(1) And yet the greatest need in the church today is Christians filled with the Holy Spirit of the Living God!

So, in order to clear things up – let’s see what Scripture tell us about the Person of the Holy Spirit!

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Who or what is this Holy Spirit?

1. **Gene 1:1 (NKJV)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was

without form, and void; and darkness [was] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

2. **John 4:23-24 (NKJV)** "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 "God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- a) **He** is that same Spirit of God that has always been!
- (1) **He** is the "power" of God that created the universe and spoke all things into existence.
 - (2) **He** is part of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit of God, the comforter, and just like the Father and Jesus, we can have a special relationship with **Him**!
 - (a) Unfortunately there are a lot of folks that know very little about the Holy Spirit!

- B. **Acts 19:1-2 (NKJV)** And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples **2** he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

1. **Received** = Gr. LAM-BAN'-O = "To get hold of"
2. Same word used in **Acts 1:8 (NKJV)** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
3. Both of these come from another Gr. word = HA-HEE-REH'-OM-AHEE = "To take for one's self."
 - a) So, Paul is asking these 12 men if they have taken hold of, and appropriated for themselves, the Holy Spirit!
 - b) These men had heard the Gospel, repented, and been baptized - but as of yet had not "received" the Holy Spirit.
 - c) Today we would probably call these men, "Average Christians."

- C. The Bible uses three unique and distinct Greek words to describe the relationship of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. They translate to be the words "with", "upon", and "in"!

1. **WITH**
 - a) Prior to Jesus Christ, God was with man but not in man!
 - (1) God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent! There is no place that God

cannot be!

- (2) He was there in the beginning as we saw in Genesis.
- (3) He will be there when this material world is over as Revelation proves.
 - (a) **Reve 22:13 (NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, [the] Beginning and [the] End, the First and the Last."**
- (4) If He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; then He is with everyone, in every place.
 - (a) With the junkie, w/the drunk, w/the child molester, w/all sinners! But He is not in them!
- (5) Many of us today could testify of the guidance of God in our lives even before we let Him in!

2. UPON

- a) In the O.T. - the Holy Spirit of God only "came upon" certain men for a specific time and for a specific purpose.
 - (1) **Num 11:25 (NKJV) Then the Lord came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that [was] upon him, (Moses) and placed [the] [same] upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did [so] again.**
 - (2) **Judg 6:34 (NKJV) But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.**
 - (3) **1Sam 16:13 (NKJV) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.**
 - (a) The Holy Spirit was upon these men to give them power = "dunamis" at specific times for specific purposes but He was not IN them!

3. IN

- a) Jesus and His work on the cross, made it possible for the Spirit of God to live inside of man!
 - (1) Ezekiel prophesied of Him, **Ezek 36:27 (NKJV) "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do [them]."**
 - (2) **John 14:16 (NKJV) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the**

world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

(3) **Joh 20:19** So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and *said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" **20** And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** So Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**" **22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"

(a) The day of Pentecost ushered in a new relationship with the Living God. What the Bible refers to as The baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(i) **Acts 1:4 (NKJV)** And being assembled together with [them], He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "**which,**" [He] [said], "**you have heard from Me;**"

(ii) We have the ability to be "immersed" in the Holy Spirit!

(a) Gr.= Baptidzo = "*to be fully wet, or covered with a fluid*"

(i) When fully immersed in a pool, the water is with, upon, and in the entire person!!!!

(iii) **Joel 2:28 (NKJV)** "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

(iv) **Acts 1:8 (NKJV)** "**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"

D. Why would we want the Holy Spirit to be **with** us, **upon** us, and **in** us?

1. **First** of all: as **Acts 1:8** (as we have just seen) tells us, He is the power, or dynamite of our whole Christian walk and witness!!

a) He keeps us from heresy! **John 16:13 (NKJV)** "**However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own [authority], but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**"

b) He directs our paths. **Acts 13:2 (NKJV)** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the

Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

- c) He teaches us and gives us a great memory. **John 14:26 (NKJV)** "**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

2. **Second:** there are gifts that are imparted by the Holy Spirit!

- a) **1Cor 12:7 (NKJV)** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of] [all]: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another [different] kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
- b) **Roma 12:6-8 (NKJV)** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, [let] [us] [use] [them]: if prophecy, [let] [us] [prophecy] in proportion to our faith; **7** or ministry, [let] [us] [use] [it] in [our] ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
- c) What is the purpose of these gifts? To develop the fruit of the Spirit!
- (1) **Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance...
- (2) They are to be helpers and enablers while we are in this world!
- (3) When Jesus returns, the gifts will no longer be necessary!
- (a) **1Cor 13:8-10 (NKJV)** Love never fails. But whether [there] [are] prophecies, they will fail; whether [there] [are] tongues, they will cease; whether [there] [is] knowledge, it will vanish away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
- (b) **1Cor 13:12 (NKJV)** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

III. HOW DO I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. He is only available to Christians: **Acts 2:38 (NKJV)** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift

of the Holy Spirit.

- B. **Ask! Luke 11:13 (NKJV) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**
1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a feeling, it is a commitment!
 2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a total surrender to the will, and power of a righteous loving God!
 - a) A full immersion in the will and person of God!
- C. **Receive** = "take and appropriate for one's self"
1. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman. He will not make you, nor me, submit to His leadership. We must appropriate His leadership on a willing basis! **Roma 8:14 (NKJV) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

IV. CAN I JEOPARDIZE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. According to Scripture, YES!!
1. According to **Acts 5:3**, we, like Annanias and Saphira can lie to the Holy Spirit!
 2. In **Isaiah 63:10**, the children of Israel vexed the Holy Spirit.
 3. **Eph. 4:30** tells us that we can grieve the Holy Spirit.
 4. **I Thes. 5:19** warns us not to quench the Holy Spirit!
 - a) Walking in the Holy Spirit of the Living God is a daily decision!
 - b) The "power" and the ability is within us, but the choice to submit is continual!