



## Sermon Series Notes

### “The Holy Spirit, Part 1” (Selected Scriptures)

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John 16:13a...when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth...

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 21:22...he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit...”

Eph.1:13-14

Rom.8:9...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

#### WHO HE IS

- The third person of the Godhead - the Trinity (Isa.43:10b-11a; 45:18b; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor.3:16-17; Matt.28:19).
- He can be grieved (Isa.63:10; Eph.4:30)
  - We grieve the Holy Spirit when we do things He does not want us to do.
- He can be quenched (I Thess.5:19)
  - We quench the Holy Spirit when we do not do things He wants us to do.

#### HIS MINISTRY

- Brings conviction (I Thess.1:5)
- Grants us new birth (John 3:3, 5-6)
- Guarantees our glorious inheritance (Eph.1:13-14)
- Testifies that we are children of God (Rom.8:16)
- Testifies about Jesus (John 15:26)
- Encourages us of the hope we have (Rom.15:13)
- Gives direction (Rom.8:14; Acts 8:29; 10:19-20; 13:2)
- Prevents (Acts 16:6)
- Warns (Acts 20:23)
- Comforts (John 14:26)
- Teaches us, reveals things to us (Eph.1:17; Luke 2:26; I Cor.2:9-15)
- Enables us to speak when facing persecution (Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12)
- Helps us to pray (Rom.8:26-27)
- Makes us bold for God (Acts 4:31)

- Transforms us (II Cor.3:17-18; I Sam.10:6, 9-11, 20-22; 15:12, 17)
- Produces the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23; Luke 10:21; Acts 13:52; Rom.5:5; 14:17).
- Provides us with gifts (Heb.2:4; Rom.12; I Cor.12)
- Empowers (Acts 2, 8, 10; Luke 4:1; Jesus' baptism by the Spirit)
  - Acts 18:18-26; 19:1-7; Many times the baptism of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by a supernatural gift of tongues, and that tongue enables us to worship God in Spirit in a way we could not previously, to pray in a way we could not previously. We will talk more about the gift of tongues when we look at the various gifts of the Holy Spirit beginning next week. But even before you understand it, the Lord may grant you that gift as he baptizes you with His Holy Spirit.
  - D.L. Moody, Secret Power, p.106
  - "Too much of our religious life is made up of programs and human ideas, talents and strategies...What is missing today is something from heaven itself." (Fresh Power, p.42)
  - "The experience of the second gift of grace is no longer preached and testified because Christian experience, though it may have to begin in the Spirit, must be perfected in the wisdom of the flesh and the culture of the schools. Confusion and impotence are the inevitable results when the wisdom and resources of the world are substituted for the presence and power of the Spirit." (Samuel Chadwick).
  - Samuel Chadwick was born in the industrial north of England in 1860. His father worked long hours in the cotton mill and, when he was only eight, Samuel went to work there, too, as a means of supporting the impoverished family. Devout Methodists, they attended chapel three times on Sunday, and as a young boy, Chadwick gave his heart to Christ. Listening to God's word week by week, he often felt the inner call to serve Christ. It seemed impossible, as he was poor and uneducated, but in faith he made preparations. After a twelve-hour factory shift he would rush home for five hours of prayer and study. At the age of 21 he was appointed lay pastor of a chapel at Stacksteads, Lancashire. It was no dream appointment! The congregation was self-satisfied. Yet Chadwick threw himself in with great optimism. He had been trained to prepare well-researched and interesting sermons as the sure way to bring in the crowds. He recalled later: "This led unconsciously to a false aim in my work. I lived and labored for my sermons, and was unfortunately more concerned about their excellence and reputation than the repentance of the people." Soon, however, his sermons were exhausted and nothing had changed. Staring defeat in the face and sensing his lack of real power, an intense hunger was kindled within him for more of God. At this point he heard the testimony of someone who had been revitalized by an experience of the Holy Spirit. So, with a few friends he covenanted to pray and search the scriptures until God sent revival. One evening he was praying over his next sermon, when a powerful sense of conviction settled on him. His pride, blindness and reliance on human methods paraded before his eyes as God humbled him to the dust. Well into the night he wrestled and repented, then he got out his pile of precious sermons and set fire to them! The result was immediate: the Holy Spirit fell upon him. In his own words: "I could not explain what had happened, but it was a bigger thing than I had ever known. There came

into my soul a deep peace, a thrilling joy, and a new sense of power. My mind was quickened. I felt I had received a new faculty of understanding. Every power was vitalized. My body was quickened. There was a new sense of spring and vitality, a new power of endurance and a strong man's exhilaration in big things." The tide turned. At his next sermon seven souls were converted ("one for each of my barren years"), and he called the whole congregation to a week of prayer. The following weekend most of the church was baptized in the Holy Spirit and revival began to spread through the valleys. In the space of a few months, hundreds were converted to Jesus, among them some of the most notorious sinners in the area. The pattern was repeated over the next few years as Chadwick moved to various places. The final phase of Chadwick's life was spent as Principal of Cliff College, a Methodist training school for preachers, and it was here that he wrote his famous book, *The Way to Pentecost*, which was being printed when he died in 1932. In it we read: "I owe everything to the gift of Pentecost. For fifty days the facts of the Gospel were complete, but no conversions were recorded. Pentecost registered three thousand souls. It is by fire that a holy passion is kindled in the soul whereby we live the life of God. The soul's safety is in its heat. Truth without enthusiasm, morality without emotion, ritual without soul, make for a Church without power. "Destitute of the Fire of God, nothing else counts; possessing Fire, nothing else matters."

- Oswald Chambers, p.
- *Living Water*, p.291, quote by C.H. Spurgeon
- Fills us repeatedly (Acts 4:8, 31; 7:54ff; 13:9; Eph.5:18, continually keep on being filled).

#### CONCLUSION

- Zech.4:6...Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.

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