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The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

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Personality of the Holy Spirit

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I. Name That Implies Personality "Comforter" (paraklatos) - John 14:16, 16:7

II. Masculine Personal Pronouns - John 16:7-15

III. Linked With Father and Son in the Trinity

A. Matthew 28:19

B. II Corinthians 13:14, etc.

IV. Personal Characteristics Ascribed

A. Knowledge and Communication (Intellect) I Corinthians 2:10-11

B. Sensibility (Emotion)

1. Ephesians 4: 30

2. Hebrews 10:29

C. Will

I Corinthians 12:11

V. Personal Actions Ascribed

A. He Speaks

Revelation 2:7

B. He Makes Intercession

Romans 8:26

C. He Calls Missionaries

Acts 13:2

D. He Teaches

John 16:13

E. He Convicts of Sin, Righteousness, Judgment

John 16:8f.

F. He Issues Commands

Acts 8:29

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - John 14:16 – “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter (Helper), that He may abide with you forever.”

Deity of the Holy Spirit
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I. He Is Called God

A. Acts 5:3-4

B. Exodus 16:7, 17:7- cf. Hebrews 3:7-9

C. I Corinthians 3:16

D. II Timothy 3:16 (cf. II Peter 1:21)

II. He Possesses Divine Attributes

A. Omnipotence

1. I Corinthians 12:11

2. Romans 15:19

B. Omnipresence

Psalms 139:7-10

C. Omniscience

1. I Corinthians 2:10-11

2. Isaiah 40:13-14 (cf. Romans 11:34)

D. Holiness

III. He Performs Divine Works

A. Creation

1. Genesis 1: 2

2. Psalms 104:30

B. Regeneration

John 3:5-8

C. Resurrection

Romans 8:11

IV. He Is a Part of the Trinity

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 3:16 – “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

Work of the Holy Spirit in Relation to the World
Volume 7 - Unit 3

I. Creation

A. Genesis 1:2

B. Psalms 104:30

II. Restraint of Sin

A. Genesis 6:3

B. II Thessalonians 2:7

C. Psalms 76:10 (?)

III. Reproof of Sin, Righteousness, Judgment

John 16:8-11

IV. Inspiration of Scripture

A. II Timothy 3:16

B. II Peter 1:21

V. Preparation of Christ for His Atoning Work

A. Virgin Conception

1. Luke 1: 3 5

2. Hebrews 10:5-7

B. Anointing at Baptism

Luke 3:22

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - John 16:8 – “And when He is come, He will convict (convince) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

Regeneration, The Baptism with the Spirit

Volume 7 - Unit 4

I. Regeneration

A. Definition - The impartation of eternal life. (Passage from spiritual death to spiritual life.)

B. Spoken of as:

1. A new birth

a. John 3: 3 -7

b. Titus 3:5

2. A resurrection

Ephesians 2: 5

3. A new creation

II Corinthians 5:17

II. The Baptism with the Spirit

A. Definition - The eternal presence of the Holy Spirit within every Christian (since Pentecost) which identifies the Christian with Christ and His Body.

B. The Fact of Indwelling

1. I Cor 6:19

2. I Cor 3:16

3. Ephesians 2:19-22

C. The Universality of Indwelling

1. Romans 8:9

2. I Corinthians 12:13

3. Jude 19

4. I Corinthians 1:5-7

5. A resulting inference: not related to spirituality or to spiritual gifts

D. The Occasion of Indwelling

1. Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:13

2. The seeming exceptions

a. Acts 2

b. Acts 8

c. Acts 19

3. Conclusion: not a "second blessing".

E. The Factors in Spirit Baptism

1. The factors in any baptism

a. The Subject (baptizer)

b. The Object (baptized)

c. The Element

d. The Result

2. Examples

a. John's baptism (cf. Christian water baptism)

Matthew 3:11-12, etc.

b. Baptism with fire

Matthew 3:11-12, etc.

3. Spirit baptism (baptizo en pneumati)

a. Matthew 3:11

b. Mark 1: 8

c. Luke 3:16

d. John 1:33

e. Acts 1:5

f. Acts 11:16

g. I Corinthians 12:13

4. Conclusion

a. The Baptizer - Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 2:33)

b. The Baptized - the believer

c. The Element - the Holy Spirit

d. The Result - identification with Christ and His Body

F. Practical Significance

1. The earnest of our inheritance

a. Ephesians 1:14

b. II Corinthians 1:22

2. The source of all spiritual power and gifts

3. The seal of God's ownership and eternal care

a. Ephesians 1:13 -14

b. Ephesians 4: 3 0

c. I Corinthians 1:22

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 12:13 – “For with one Spirit have we all been baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have all been given to drink of one Spirit.”

Note: The changes in translation here are crucial for the proper understanding of the verse.

Spiritual Gifts
Introduction
Volume 7 - Unit 5

I. Definition

The supernatural endowment of believers with specific abilities, enabling them to serve the Body of Christ effectively. They are sovereignly bestowed in grace, and are all totally undeserved.

A. "Sovereignly bestowed"

I Corinthians 12:11

B. "Totally undeserved"

I Corinthians 1:5-7 (cf. 3:1-4)

II. The Analogy of the Body - *I Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3-8*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 12:11 – “But all these works that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing (apportioning) to every man individually as He will.”

Spiritual Gifts
How to Recognize, Permanent vs. Temporary Gifts
Volume 7 - Unit 6

I. How to Recognize Your Spiritual Gift (s)

A. Know What the Gifts Are

1. Romans 12:3 -8
2. I Corinthians 12-14
3. Ephesians 4:11f.

B. Analyze Your Own Area(s) of Competence

1. What do you think you do best?
2. What do others think you do best?
3. What do you like to do? (Philemon 2:13)
4. Be willing to try and see.

C. Develop and Use Your Gift(s) for Maximum Benefit to the Body.

II. Permanent vs. Temporary Gifts

A. The Historical Evidence (cf. B. B. Warfield, Counterfeit Miracles)

B. The Possible Explanations

1. Carnality (with ultimate restoration)

2. No longer needed in God's plan

C. The Evidence

III. The Gifts

Permanent

1. Teaching
2. Pastor-teacher
3. Ministering (helping, showing mercy)
4. Administration (ruling)
5. Evangelism
6. Exhortation
7. Giving
8. Faith

Temporary

1. Apostleship
2. Prophecy (knowledge)
3. Discerning spirit
4. Tongues
5. Interpretation of tongues
6. Miracles
7. Healing

IV. The Permanent Gifts

- A. Teaching
- B. Pastor-teacher
- C. Ministering (helping, showing mercy)
- D. Administration (ruling)
- E. Evangelism
- F. Exhortation
- G. Giving
- H. Faith

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 12:7 – “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man for the common good.”

Gift of Tongues - Part 1

Volume 7 - Unit 7

I. The Temporary Gifts

A. Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

Six Crucial Questions:

1. What was the nature of the New Testament gift of tongues?
 - a. Foreign languages (Acts 2)
 - b. Direct revelation (I Corinthians 14:14-16, Acts 2:4)
2. To whom was it given? (I Corinthians 12:11, 27f.)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 12:30 – “Not all have the gifts of healing, do they? Not all speak with tongues, do they? Not all interpret, do they?”

Note: The construction in the Greek text assumes a negative answer to these questions and thus should be rendered this way.

Gift of Tongues - Part 2
Volume 7 - Unit 8

(A. Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues - continued)

3. On what basis was it given?
 - a. Sovereign (I Corinthians 12:11)
 - b. Not a function of spirituality
 - c. Not tied to baptism with the Spirit

4. For what purpose was it given?
 - a. Sign to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:21-22, Acts 2)
 - b. With interpretation = prophecy (local church, I Corinthians 14)
 - c. Private, devotional (I Corinthians 14:28)

5. Is the gift extant today?
 - a. Temporary category (cf. dissimilarities with N. To gift)
 - b. Problem of revelation (Jude 3)

6. If not, what is the current phenomenon? (I Corinthians 14:14-16, Matthew 24:24, Revelation 13:13f.)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - I Corinthians 14:22 – “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not . . .”

Gifts of Miracles, Healing, Other Temporary Gifts

Volume 7 - Unit 9

(I. The Temporary Gifts – cont.)

B. Apostleship

C. Prophecy (knowledge)

D. Discerning Spirits

E. Miracles, Healing

1. Purpose of miracles

a. Mark 2:10-11

b. Acts 2:22

c. Hebrews 2: 3 -4

d. II Corinthians 12:12

2. Is it God's will that all Christians be physically well all the time?

a. The classic example (II Corinthians 12:7f.)

b. Why do Christians suffer?

(1) Sin (I Corinthians 11:30)

(2) To produce dependence on God (II Corinthians 12:7f.)

(3) To glorify God (Job, John 11:4, I Peter 1:7, 4:12-14)

(4) To build Christian maturity (James 1:2, Romans 5:3, 8:28-29, 1 Pet 5:10)

(5) To comfort others (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

(6) To promote longing for glorified body (Romans 8:22-23)

c. Healing in the atonement? (Matthew 8:17, cf. Isaiah 53:4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - II Corinthians 12:9 – “And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Filling of the Holy Spirit - Part 1

Volume 7 - Unit 10

I. Definition

The control of the life of a believer by the indwelling Holy Spirit when that life is yielded to Him.

II. The Key Scripture - Ephesians 5:18

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- A. Imperative Mood
- B. Permissive Middle Voice
- C. Present Tense
- D. Plural Number
- E. The Meaning of "Fill" - The Contrast with Drunkenness

III. How Do You Get It?

- A. Cf. Ephesians 5:18f., Colossians 3:16f.
- B. Romans 12:1-2, II Corinthians 3:18

IV. The Evidence of Filling

- A. Ephesians 5:18f.
 - 1. Spiritual encouragement for fellow believers (5:19a)

2. Private devotional life (5:19b)
3. Thankful attitude (5: 20)
4. Subjection to divinely-prescribed authority (5:21-6:9)
 - a. Wives to husbands (5:21-33)
 - b. Children to parents (6:1-4)
 - c. Slaves to masters (6:5-9)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Ephesians 5:18 – “Stop getting drunk with wine, wherein is debauchery, but continually permit the Spirit to control you.”

Filling of the Holy Spirit - Part 2

Volume 7 - Unit 11

(IV. The Evidence of Filling - continued)

B. Galatians 5:22-23

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Longsuffering
5. Gentleness (kindness)
6. Goodness
7. Faith(fulness)
8. Meekness (humility)
9. Temperance (self-control)

V. Filling vs. Spirituality

A. Filling does NOT equal Spirituality

Spirituality = Maturity

B. Scripture

1. I Corinthians 2:6 (teleios)
2. Hebrews 5:14 (teleios) - cf. 5:13, milk for infant
3. I Corinthians 3:1 - Spiritual (pneumatikos) vs. infant
4. I Corinthians 14:20 (teleios vs. children)
5. Ephesians 4:13-14 (teleios vs. children, cf. "grow up")
6. The spiritual (pneumatikos) man:
 - a. Judges (discerns) all things (I Corinthians 2:15)
 - b. Understands the things of the Lord (I Corinthians 14:37)
 - c. Restores sinning Christians (Galatians 6:1)

VI. Filling vs. Perfectionism (Cf. Warfield, Perfectionism)

A. I John 1:8, 10

B. I John 3:4f.

VII. Absolute or Relative?

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Galatians 5:22-23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control.”

Filling of the Holy Spirit - Part 3
Volume 7 - Unit 12

VIII. Extraordinary Experiences

A. Examples

1. Charles G. Finney
2. D. L. Moody
3. George Whitefield
4. John Wesley
5. Jonathan Edwards
6. Evan Roberts
7. David Brainerd
8. Others

B. What Is This?

1. Counterfeits?
2. "The Baptism"?
3. Special empowering

C. Summary

1. Genuine (some)
2. Not normative

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Galatians 5:16 – “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”