

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

Pneumatology Part 1:

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit in the OT

Holy Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Name “Holy Spirit”

- OT = “Spirit who is Holy”—e.g., Isaiah 63:10
- NT = “Holy Spirit”
- “Holy” = apartness, separateness
- “Spirit” = breath, power, wind, energy, activity

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

A Person Not Force—

CHARACTERISTICS of Personality:

- Life—2 Cor 3:3
- Intelligence/wisdom—Is 40:13
- Knowledge—1 Cor 2:11
- Freedom/purpose—1 Cor 12:11
- Love—Rom 15:30

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ACTIONS of Personality:

- Speaks—Acts 8:29; 10:19
- Helps and Intercedes—Rom 8:26
- Teaches—1 Cor 2:13
- Testifies—John 15:26
- Resisted—Acts 7:51
- Lied to—Acts 5:4, 9
- Grieved—Eph 4:30
- Blasphemed—Matt 12:31
- Insulted/Outraged—Heb 10:29

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Personal Relationships

- Identified as a person—John 14-16: helper, teach, remind, testify, guide, speak
- Distinguished from his power—Luke 4:14
- Associated equally with the Father and the Son—Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; Matt 10:20; Acts 16:7; Rom 8:9

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Third Person of the Trinity

Divine Attributes

- Eternality—Heb 9:14
- Omnipresence—Ps 139:7-10
- Omniscience—1 Cor 2:10-11
- Power—Luke 1:35
- Truth—John 14:17
- Holiness—title AND descriptor

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Third Person of the Trinity, identified with/as YHWH

- Isaiah 6:9 -compare to Acts 28:25-26
- Jeremiah 31:31-34—compare to Heb 10:15-17

The Spirit in the OT

- In Creation
 - Gen 1:2
- In Revelation
 - 2 Sam 23:2—David's last oracle
 - 1 Peter 1:10-11
 - 2 Peter 1:21

The Spirit in the OT

In People—equipped people for specific tasks

- Joseph—Gen 41:38
- Tabernacle artisans (ex 31:3-5)
- Elders of Israel (Num 11:16-17)
- Judges (Judges 3:10; 6:34)
- Samson (Judg 14:5-6)
- Prophets (Num 24:2; Ezek 2:2)
- Saul (1 Sam 10:10; 11:6; 16:14; 19:20-24)
 - This is mission-specific enabling that is often temporary and does NOT indicate regeneration
 - Compare 1 Sam 16:13 to Ps 51:11

The Spirit in the OT

Regenerated Sinners: conclusion based on the results of the Spirit's work rather than explicit verses that teach OT regeneration

- Not precisely the same as NT regeneration but there IS an internal reality of change
- Regeneration NOT the same as indwelling
- Recognize progressive nature of HS work without denying OT activity—Deut 10:16

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Regenerated Sinners—examples

- Naaman—2 Kings 5:15-17
- Ruth—Ruth 1:16
- Rahab (Joshua)
- Ninevites (Jonah)
- Sailors (Jonah)
- King Manasseh—2 Chron 33:12-13

The Spirit in the OT

Regenerated Sinners—Conclusions

- Ps 51:17 is only possible in a regenerated person
- Compare to Rom 5:8; Eph 2:3

SUMMARY:

- The RESULTS of conversion argue for the CAUSE of conversion—regeneration by HS—
- In the OT, HS operates in background in hearts and in foreground in special enabling

The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

The Newness of the Spirit's Ministry

- The promise—John 14:16-17
- Pentecost Outpouring
 - Jesus Predicts in the Upper room—John 14-16
 - Conviction and conversion (John 16:7ff)
 - Inspiration—John 14:26
 - Communion with Christ—John 14:18; 26-27; 16:7
 - Jesus predicts at the ascension (Acts 1:4ff)
 - Luke Narrates—Acts 2:1-21

The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

The Spirit and the New Covenant Ministry in 2 Corinthians 3

- Changed hearts—3:3
- Life to believers—3:6
- HS more glory than the Law—3:7-8
- Freedom—3:17
- Transformation—3:18

The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

- Regeneration and Conviction
 - New Birth is by the HS—John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5
 - Conviction of Sin by the HS—John 16:8
- Inner Witness and Illumination
 - Witness to the Scriptures: That influence by which the Spirit persuades the sinner that God's Word is true
 - Associated with conversion
 - Key text = 1 Co 2:11-14

The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

- Inner Witness and Illumination (con'd)
 - Illuminate the meaning of Scripture
 - NOT an assurance of right interpretation (this takes study but the Spirit does help)
 - RATHER: Ministers the meaning to my heart—LIFE IMPACT toward Christlikeness
 - Spirit is active as we encounter Scripture
 - HS is not giving a new message—helping me understand the message already given
 - Power to live what we learn

The Spirit in the NT (Part 1)

Seal of the Spirit

- Texts
 - Eph 1:13-14; Eph 4:30; 2 Cor 1:22; 2 Cor 5:5
- Terms
 - “sealed” = to make inaccessible; ownership
 - “guarantee” = down payment; earnest; pledge
- Conclusions: assurance, completion, NOT something to be prayed for