

Teaching Notes

*The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*

MESSAGE 2

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE AND FUNCTION  
PRIOR TO PENTECOST

Introduction

- Review this morning's message, "*Who is the Holy Spirit?*"
- Any questions - comments

Right from the first chapter of the first book of the Bible we read about the Holy Spirit,

*"And the earth was formless and void and the darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters"* (Genesis 1:2)

Triune God as Creator:

- God the Father - *Originator* - *From Whom* (1 Corinthians 8:6)
- God the Son - *Mediator* - *Through Whom* (John 1:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15)
- God the Holy Spirit - *Executor* - *By Whom* (Genesis 1:2)<sup>1</sup>

**Please note the above are differences of function *not* rank**

**A. Holy Spirit in Genesis Chapter 1 - Creation Principles**

- (1) Holy Spirit Moved
- (2) Light
- (3) Order
- (4) Life
- (5) Fellowship

Moving of the Holy Spirit *always* leads to order.

Sin *always* quenches the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives – leads to disorder and death. (See the Fall Genesis 3)

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<sup>1</sup> Winkie Pratney - *Nature and Character of God*

### Reverse Order:

- (5) Broken fellowship leads to:
- (4) Lifeless relationship - *No life*
- (3) No Life leads to: *Disorder*
- (2) Disorder leads to: *Darkness and void*
- (1) Darkness: *stops the Holy Spirit from moving – spiritual death*

Role and function of the Holy Spirit is to convict us of sin – lead us to the truth (John 16:8)

## ***THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT***

### **Before the Fall**

The Holy Spirit (before sin entered into the world) was given to Adam (Genesis 2:7). The Holy Spirit is called therefore the *Lifer-Giver* (Genesis 2:7; John 6:63). See also John 7:37-39 and Romans 8:12.

### **After the Fall**

The Holy Spirit (after sin entered into the world) was given only to a few very specially selected individuals. He came upon priests, prophets, kings and others with **the purpose to equip them for a special task or to perform a special function – ultimate goal – coming of Jesus Christ - Redemption**

### **B. Old Testament personalities empowered by the Holy Spirit**

- Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- Joseph – Pharaoh’s tribute (Genesis 41:38)
- Moses - prophet/leader (Exodus 3:12; 4:12)
- Miriam – prophetess (Exodus (15:20)
- Seventy elders - leaders (Numbers 11:24-30)
- Aaron and his sons - Priests (Exodus 28:41)
- Bezalel and others - craftsmen (Exodus 31:3-6; 35:30-34)
- Joshua - leader (Numbers 27:18; Deuteronomy 34:9)
- Balaam - prophet (Numbers 24:2)
- Othniel (Caleb’s younger brother) - judge/leader (Judges 3:10)
- Deborah – Prophetess (Judges 4:4)
- Gideon - army leader (Judges 6:34)
- Jephthah - judge/leader (Judges 11:29)
- Samson - Nazarite (Judges 14:6,9)
- Saul - king (1 Samuel 10:6,10; *Departure of Holy Spirit* 1 Samuel 16:14)
- Saul’s messengers (1 Samuel 19:20)
- David - king/prophet (1 Samuel 16:13 see also Psalm 51:1—13)
- Zechariah - priest (2 Chronicles 24:20)
- Amasa – army leader (1 Chronicles 12:18)
- Azariah - prophet (2 Chronicles 15:1)
- Jahaziel – prophet (2 Chronicles 20:14)

- Elijah – prophet (1 Kings 17:1; 16)
- Elisha - prophet (1 Kings 19:16-19; 2 Kings 2:9,15,16)
- Hulda (prophetess (2 Kings 22:14; 2 Chronicles 34:22)
- Isaiah – prophet (Isaiah 6:5-9; 61:1)
- Isaiah’s wife (Isaiah 8:3)
- Jeremiah – prophet - *The Lord touched his mouth* (Jeremiah 1:9)
- Ezekiel - prophet (Ezekiel 2:2; 3:12,14,24;11:5)
- Daniel – prophet (Daniel 5:11-12)
- See also: Micah 2:7, 3:8; (Haggai 2:5; Zechariah 12:10; Malachi 2:15)

### C. Holy Spirit at work in Israel

Through the Cloud & Pillar – (Exodus 40:38; Nehemiah 9:20)

Through the Ark of the Covenant - Shekinah glory (Exodus 25:22; 2 Samuel 6:2)

Through the prophets “*And [You – the Lord] admonished them by Your Spirit through Your Prophets* (Nehemiah 9:30).

### D. Greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised

Promise of a new covenant - Jeremiah prophesied:

*“I will put My law **within them**, and on their heart I will write it, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people”* (Jeremiah 31:33).

**The new covenant was to be an internal covenant – a covenant of the heart.**

### E. How was this going to happen?

*“Moreover I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances”* (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

### F. Who were going to be the recipients?

*“And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughter will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions and even on your male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days”* (Joel 2:28-29). (European bibles 3:1)

**What an incredible promise! Instead of just a few individuals, all of mankind would have the potential to be equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit.**

It took another 800 odd years to actually see this promise fulfilled.

## **HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GOSPELS**

### ▪ **Mary (Creation Principle in New Testament)**

*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the Holy offspring shall be called the Son of God”* (Luke 1:35).

It is always the Holy Spirit who brings about the will of the Father and the Son. By his power all has been created. **Unless he moves nothing will ever happen!**

- **Elisabeth**

*“And Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit”* - and prophesied (Luke 1:41)  
Afterwards Mary prophesies (Luke 1:46-55)

- **Zacharias**

*“Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied saying...”* (Luke 1:67)

- **Simeon & Anna**

*“And the Holy Spirit was upon him”* (Luke 2:21-38)

- **John the Baptist** (filled with Holy Spirit while in his mothers womb - Luke 1:15)

John said that Jesus would baptise people with the Holy Spirit.

*“...He Himself will baptise you in the Holy Spirit and fire”* (Luke 3:16-17)

- **Jesus**

Before Jesus started his ministry at the age of 30, he too was baptised, equipped with the Holy Spirit. He was equipped for his God-given task, to bring redemption to humankind

**The baptism of Jesus this is how it happened:**

*“Now it came about when all the people were baptised, that Jesus was also baptised, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased’”* (Luke 3:21-22).

It is interesting to note here that the **complete Godhead** is in action here:

- Father’s voice
- The Son in the water’s of baptism
- The Holy Spirit manifested in the form of a dove

Immediately after Jesus was baptised, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1).

After his baptism and temptation he returned in the power of the Holy Spirit and began his public ministry (Luke 4:14).

**Jesus claims the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy** (Isaiah 61:1-3)

*“The **Spirit of the Lord** is upon **Me**, because he anointed Me to preach the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recover the sight of the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favourable year of **the LORD**. ... Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your midst”* (Luke 4:18-19,21).

## **JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ALL**

- **Before his resurrection**

John 14:16-17; 25-27

John 15:26

John 16:7-8; 12-15

- **After his resurrection**

Mark 16:14-18

Acts 1:4-5,8

**John 20:22 - Holy Spirit received by disciples (conversion)**

**See also Romans 8:9-11**

## **ACTS CHAPTER 1**

**Acts Chapter 1:4** - Luke tells us that Jesus gathered them together in Jerusalem. They were to wait for the "Promise of the Father" - The Holy Spirit.

**Acts Chapter 1:5** - Jesus spoke to them and said:

*"...John baptised you water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

**Acts Chapter 1:8** - Jesus continues and said:

*"... but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of earth."*

### **Mark 16:14-18 (Just before his ascension)**

Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves ... And He said to them,

*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**Acts Chapter 1:9-11** - The ascension takes place - Jesus returns to the Father.

**Acts Chapter 1:12-14** - Some 120 believers were gathered together, including the 11 disciples.

We are told that they were all of one mind continually devoting themselves to prayer.

**Then, at the Feast of Pentecost, it was the turn of the third Person of the Trinity. As promised he came and baptised the 120 believers with power – equipping them to preach the Gospel to all nations.**