JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT #2

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Luke 10:17-24

- 1. Two weeks ago we began a series of messages focusing on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The Holy Spirit is in the world to administrate and empower the work of the church, but the church has, to a large degree, lost sight of that important fact.
- 3. Revival occurs whenever the Holy Spirit takes His rightful place in the lives of believers and in the life of the church.
- 4. If we want to see revival take place we must turn from the wicked attitudes and actions that grieve, quench, insult and resist the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Two Sundays ago we focused on the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and labors.
- 6. We saw that:
 - a. The Spirit testified of Christ in the Old Testament.
 - b. Christ was born of, or through the agency, of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. Christ was anointed with the Spirit and carried out His ministry in the power of the Spirit.
- 7. Today, in the second part of a two-part message, we will see that Jesus:
 - a. Rejoiced in the Spirit.
 - b. Lived and died by the Spirit.
 - c. Was raised by the Spirit.
 - d. Gave and gives commands by the Spirit.

I. Christ rejoiced in the Spirit.

- A. In the passage we read earlier we saw that Jesus "rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit." Luke 10:12
- B. Note what Hebrews 1:8-9 says about Jesus. Heb 1:8-9
 But of the Son {He says} "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. 9 "Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy companions."
- C. Many professing Christians seem to be anointed with the oil of sadness rather than the oil of gladness.
- D. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and being filled with joy go together.
 - a. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy..." Galatians 5:22
 - b. "And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." Acts 13:52

II. Christ lived and died by the Spirit. Hebrews 9:13-14

"For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit** offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

- A. It was through the eternal (Holy) Spirit that Christ was able to offer Himself without blemish to God.
- B. The Holy Spirit can enable you and me to live a life that is pleasing to God because if we walk by the Spirit we will not carry out the lusts of the flesh.
 - 1. Rom 8:12-14
 - "So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."
 - 2. Gal 5:16-17
 - "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."

III. Christ was raised from the dead by the Spirit.

- A. Paul wrote, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you."
- B. According to Peter Jesus was "put to death in the flesh, but made alive in (by) the Spirit." I Peter 3:18
- C. You and I possess eternal life because of the work of the Holy Spirit who now dwells in us.

IV. Christ gave and gives commands by the Spirit.

- A. Acts 1:1-2
 - 1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up, **after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.**
- B. In Revelation chapter one we see the glorified Lord Jesus in the midst of His churches.
- C. He gave John specific messages for seven churches, and concluded each message with, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
 - 1. Jesus knows each of us intimately.
 - 2. Jesus knows everything there is to know about us as a church.
 - 3. Jesus will communicate with us as individuals and as a church through the Holy Spirit.

APPLICATION

- 1. Do you know what it means to rejoice greatly in the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Are you being enabled by the Holy Spirit to live a life that is pleasing to God?
- 3. Has the Holy Spirit raised you to newness of life?
- 4. Are you listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?
- 5. "O Holy Spirit, come and take Your rightful place in our lives and in the life of Pacolet Hills Baptist Church!"