

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TAUGHT BY JESUS

jkroberts_us@yahoo.com

April 2, 2017

John 7:37-39

1. Two of the last three weeks we looked at the Holy Spirit in our Lord's life and labors.
2. This week I want us to focus our attention on what Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit.
3. This subject deserves our prayerful attention.
 - a. John the Baptist spoke about Jesus when he said, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know." John 1:26
 - b. What John said about Jesus is now true about the Holy Spirit.
4. Jesus used a similar line of thought in speaking about God the Father in John 7:28.
5. We need to know intellectually and experientially about the Holy Spirit.

I. Jesus taught that the ministry of the Holy Spirit would be a reality in the lives of those:

- A. Who are thirsty.
- B. Who come to Jesus and drink (partake of Jesus).
- C. Who believe in Jesus in accordance with Scripture. (see also verse 39)
- D. Who become a channel for the Holy Spirit.
 1. True ministry is accomplished only in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 2. Note the experience of the Samaritan woman that we read about in John 4.
 - a. Was a slave of sin. 16-18
 - b. Responded to the promises Jesus made in verses 10 and 13-14.
 - c. Moved her city for Christ.
 3. Those who turned the world upside down in the first century were, for the most part, just ordinary people like you and me.
 4. The Holy Spirit enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

II. Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit came and comes in answer to prayer.

- A. His prayers. John 14:16
"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments, and I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper"
- B. Our prayers. Luke 11:13
"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"
- C. The prayers of others. Eph 3:14-21
14 For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, **16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;** 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; {and} that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.** 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all

that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him {be} the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

III. Jesus taught that the coming of, and the ministry of, the Holy Spirit would be a fulfillment of God's promise.

A. Luke 24:49

49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are **clothed with power from on high.**" Judges 6:34

"But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself and took possession of him, and he blew a trumpet, and [the clan of] Abiezer was gathered to him."

(AMP)

B. The promise was predicated on Jesus' ascension.

1. John 7:39

2. Acts 2:33

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

IV. Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit would:

A. Fulfill the role Jesus had been filling. John 14:16

B. Be with us forever.

C. Be the Spirit of truth. John 14:17

D. Be exclusively ours.

E. Be in us.

F. Be the Spirit of Christ. John 14:18

G. Be our teacher. John 14:26

H. Authenticate our witness. John 15:26-27

I. Be advantageous to us. John 16:7

J. Convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. John 16:8-11

K. Guide us into all truth. John 16:12-13

L. Glorify Jesus. John 16:14-15

"To teach about and emphasize the person and work of the Holy Spirit does not detract from Jesus, but leads to His glory because we cannot glorify Jesus in and of ourselves."

V. Jesus taught that sin against the Holy Spirit could not be forgiven. Matthew 12:31-32

A. We are in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

B. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is man's last chance while the earthly ministry of Jesus was not.

C. Willful, conscious rejection of the Spirit's witness of Christ is to condemn ourselves forever. Hebrews 6:4-9

APPLICATION

1. Every believer receives the Holy Spirit when they embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

2. His fulness and anointing are for those believers who are fully His.

a. You and I are temples (dwelling places) of the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 6:19-20

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

b. He is in the house, but does He have access to each and every room, closet, nook, and corner?

c. He is in the house, but does He hold the title?

◆ Can He throw out anything and everything He doesn't like?

◆ Can He do what ever He wants to do with His house?

NOTE: The Holy Spirit knows to what degree you have surrendered the deed to your body and your life.