

Beacon Bible Church
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DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit made His advent into the world to abide here throughout this Dispensation, thus, this age is rightly called the **Age of the Holy Spirit**. As Christ is now located at the right hand of the Father, so the Holy Spirit is now locally abiding in the world in a temple or habitation of living stones (Eph. 2:19,22). Thus, the individual believer is spoken of as being the temple of the Holy Spirit.

MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

1. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in Restraining. He is holding back the total domination of sin. Only after the Holy Spirit is gone, can the man of sin make his appearance. II Thess. 2:6-8
2. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in reproofing the world of sin, righteousness and judgement. John 16:8-11
 - a. (v. 9) The spirit enlightens the unsaved with regard to one's sin only: "of sin because they believe not on Me." Jn. 3:18, 36
 - b. (v.10) The spirit illuminates the unsaved with respect to righteousness. How can a sinner be made righteous in the sight of a holy God. It is foreign to the wisdom of this world that a perfect righteousness can be gained by simply believing.
 - c. The spirit seeks to illuminate the unsaved concerning a divine judgement which is already past. The unsaved are made to realize that it is not a problem of getting God to be merciful in His judgements of their sins. They are to believe that the judgement is wholly past and they have only to rest in the victory that is won.

FOUR MINISTRIES OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE BELIEVERS - which are wrought at the moment they are saved and are never accomplished a second time.

1. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit of every believer (or anointing). This is what makes this age stand out from all others.
 - a. The word teaches that apart from this indwelling Spirit the individual is not saved.
Jn. 7:37-39; Rom. 5:5, 8, 9, 14, 23; I Cor. 2:12; 6:19, 20; 12:13
Gal. 3:2, 4:6; I Jn. 3:23; 4:13
2. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in Regeneration. Matt. 19:28
This is the new birth. Jn. 3:3, 5, 7, ; Eph. 2:1; I Pet. 1:23; Titus 3:5; I Jn. 4:7

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3. Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Baptizing
 - a. Only the Lord can perform this baptism of the Spirit. Acts 1:5
No denomination, or external ritual can accomplish this baptism.
It is not an emotional experience, but rather a position in Christ.
II Cor. 5:17; I Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3
 - b. In no scripture is this ministry of the Spirit directly related to peace, service, or gifts. It has to do with forming of the body of Christ. It is a position each and every believer has in Christ. It is because of this union with Christ that a Christian can be said to be in Christ.
4. The ministry of the Spirit in Sealing. The sealing work of the Holy Spirit is the basis of our eternal security.
Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; I Cor. 1:22
 - a. A seal indicates ownership.
 - b. A seal is used to guarantee, preserve, and protect.
 - c. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee of our eternal security.

COMMANDS GIVEN TO THE BELIEVER CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18
 - a. The means of the filling of the Spirit in I Jn. 1:9
Confession of sin removes the obstacle and the Holy Spirit automatically will take control. Yieldedness is the by-product of being filled with the Spirit.
 - b. To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling in us all that God intended him to do when he placed him there.
 - c. To be filled is not the problem of getting more of the Spirit, it is rather the problem of the Spirit getting more of us.
2. Grieve not the Holy Spirit - Eph. 4:30
 - a. When a believer sins he does not loose his salvation or the Holy Spirit. Sin destroys spirituality. Sin short-circuits the Spirit's power. Instead of the believer being a channel of blessing, the Holy Spirit must minister to him in convicting him of his sin.
3. Quench not the Spirit - I Thess. 5:19
 - a. The word "quench" when related to the Spirit does not imply that he is extinguished, or that he withdraws it in the act of resisting the Spirit.