

Sunday, June 2, 2019
“The Promise of The Holy Spirit”
John 16:7-11; Acts 1:4-8

Introduction:

One week from today will mark the second most powerful day in history of mankind. The birthday of the Church, through the advent of the promise of Jesus filling the hearts of all believers, will be celebrated by the most powerful event known to mankind. The fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit is the expression of grace delivered to believers empowering them to proclaim the good news of the gospel of salvation, deliverance and healing for all mankind.

Doubt, fear and unbelief must take to the sidelines and watch in awe at the manifestations of the glory of God that was poured out upon the lives and into the hearts of those who chose to obey the commandment of Jesus to wait for the power that was coming from on high. There has not been and never will be any greater display of power and a promise that can change the lives of those who will receive the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a promise from Jesus.**
- 2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a promise for every believer.**
- 3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a gift from God that will give believers access to all the gifts of the Spirit.**

I Being Filled With the Spirit Will Soften Your Heart Ezek. 11:19**A. The prophets of the Old Testament prophesied of the things that were coming hundreds of years later**

1. They spoke of unity of heart and mind
2. They wrote about a new spirit in the heart of man
3. They spoke of a heart of flesh that was open to the plan of God for His people

B. The Lord has longed to give His people a new heart birthed by the Spirit Ezek. 36:26-27

1. The new Spirit that the Lord will give his people will transform them from inside out
2. The heart of man will be transformed to feel and know the plan and will of God
3. The new Spirit will cause believers to walk in the ways of Jesus and enable them to live according to the word of God

C. The Holy Spirit of God brings new life Ezek. 37:14

1. It will cause the dry bones to live again
2. The prophetic voice of the Spirit will cause a once dry lifeless body to come alive with power and purpose
3. We will be able to walk and speak with power from on high

D. Jesus made it clear what the purpose of the Holy Spirit was to be John 16:8-11

1. Jesus was clear with His instructions regarding the Holy Spirit
2. The Holy Spirit has one divine mission to come to you directly
3. The Holy Spirit will be a divine helper and reveal things hidden by the enemy

**E. The Spirit will bring us the Truth through the person of Jesus
John 16:13**

1. We will no longer have to walk in error
2. We will be guided to the truth in all things
3. He will make us aware of things to come

**II The Holy Spirit is an Essential Piece of the Armor of All
Believers Eph 6:18**

**A. As believers we will learn to embrace the power of praying
in the Spirit**

1. Our prayers will be empowered with the Holy Spirit
2. The unction of the Spirit will wage warfare against the powers of darkness
3. The power of the Spirit can detect the real issues at hand and expose them and bring them under subjection to the will of God

**B. Jesus was clear in His instructions to His disciples to wait for
the promise to come Acts 2:4-5**

1. Jesus was very specific as to the place they were to go
2. At the time of His sending His instructions were to “go” and “wait”
3. We must be willing to wait on the timing of the Lord

C. Jesus promised believers power after their encounter with the Holy Spirit Acts 1:8

1. The initial power to believers was the ability to boldly witness on three dimensions
2. Our ability to witness to those on every level of our exposure is crucial as we bear witness to the name of Jesus
3. The power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to go to places and speak without fear

**D. Jesus is the one who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit
Matt. 3:11**

1. Jesus went to great lengths explaining to the disciples the importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives
2. The term “baptize” is a definite step different from water baptism
3. The fire portion of baptism is designed to burn away the things that would hinder our spirit from responding to things in the supernatural realm

E. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is mentioned in every gospel

1. **Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33**

2. The word of God is very clear when it points to the fact that this is a grace beyond salvation available to all believers
3. The very last words of Jesus to His disciples before His ascension into heaven was to be filled with the Spirit

Acts 1:4-5

III Being Clothed With the Power of the Holy Spirit Joel 2:28-32

A. The prophet Joel was speaking prophetically of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. This portion of scripture was quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost
2. It was the confirmation of what God was intending to do at the proper time
3. It was significant because it was a long time before they actually witnessed what was said was going to happen

B. The promise of the Lord was that the Holy Spirit was going to be poured out on all flesh

1. There was no gender exclusion
2. There was no age discrimination
3. Dreams and visions would be given to all those who would receive them

C. The supernatural realm would be opened and interpreted by those who were sensitive to the working of the Holy Spirit

1. The key element of the Holy Spirit's outpouring was salvation and its availability to all
2. The works of the Holy Spirit would point men to an encounter with Jesus
3. Believing in Jesus would bring salvation to all men.

D. The promise of the Holy Spirit will satisfy the thirst of man

John 7:37-38

1. Jesus desires all who are thirsting to come to Him
2. When we choose to partake of the life flow of Jesus we can be assured of being satisfied
3. The overflow out of the innermost being of a believer is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit giving glory to Jesus.

By Receiving the Holy Spirit we will be clothed with power