



Is er meer tussen hemel en tentamen?

Cursus aantekeningen

Weekend 1

// Wie is de Heilige Geest en wat doet Hij?

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Introduction

For a long time in the church the person and work of the Holy Spirit has been:

- Ignored
 - a greater concentration on the Father and the Son
- Misunderstood
 - 'Holy Ghost', 'he' not 'it', resisted
 - he wants to take control

He was involved in creation. Bringing order out of chaos

(Genesis 1:1-2)

- Giving life to man (Genesis 2:7)

He came upon particular people at particular times for particular tasks

eg:

- Gideon – for leadership (Judges 6:14-16)
- Samson – for strength (Judges 15:14, 15)
- Bezalel – for artistic work (Exodus 31:1-5)
- Isaiah – for prophecy (Isaiah 61:1-3)

He was promised by the Father [Hd B]

- The promise of a 'new thing'
 - *'...they will all know me'* (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
 - *'I will put my Spirit in you'* (Ezekiel 36:26, 27)
 - *'a river flowing from the Temple'* (Ezekiel 47)
 - *'I will pour out my Spirit on all people'* (Joel 2:28, 29)

However, the prophecies remained unfulfilled for at least 300 years. With the coming of Jesus there is a great activity of the Spirit

- But still on a few particular people:
 - John the Baptist (Luke 1:15)
 - Mary (Luke 1:35)
 - Elizabeth (Luke 1:41)
 - Zechariah (Luke 1:67)
 - Simeon (Luke 2:25-27)

John the Baptist links him with Jesus

(Luke 3:16)

In Greek 'baptizo' = to overwhelm, immerse, plunge, drench

- Jesus, the Spirit-filled man
 - Jesus received power through the anointing of the Holy Spirit at his baptism (Luke 3:22; Luke 4:1, 14, 18)

Jesus predicts his presence

(John 7:37–38)

However, he tells them to wait in the city until they are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; Acts 2:2–4)

- At Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit and received:
 - new languages (Acts 2:4–12)
 - new boldness (Acts 2:14)
 - new power (Acts 2:37–41)

Conclusion

- We live in the age of the Spirit. God has promised to give his Spirit to every Christian (Acts 2:37–39)

Recommended reading

Chasing the Dragon
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What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Introduction

- New birth (John 3:3-8)
- Born into a family

Sons and daughters of God Forgiveness

(Romans 8:1, 2)

Adoption (Romans 8:14-17)

- Greatest privilege (v.14)
- Closest intimacy (v.15)
- Deepest experience (v.16)
- Greatest security (v.17)

Developing the relationship

(Ephesians 2:18)

1. He helps us to pray (Romans 8:26)
2. He enables us to understand God's word (Ephesians 1:17, 18)
3. The family likeness [Hd B]
 - (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - (Galatians 5:22, 23)
4. Unity in the family
 - (Ephesians 4:3-6)

5. Gifts for all the children

Each member of the family is different (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

- Free gifts
- To each one
- For the common good

6. The growing family

- He empowers us to be witnesses for Christ
- Power for service (Acts 1:8)

Conclusion

- Every Christian has the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9) but not every Christian is filled with the Spirit
 - 'be filled' (Ephesians 5:18–20)
 - how? (Revelation 22:17)

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The God Who Changes Lives 1, 2, 3 & 4

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