

## **32. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK**

### **1. What precious promise did Jesus make to His disciples shortly before His crucifixion?**

"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever."  
John 14: 16.

### **2. Who is the Comforter, and what was He to do?**

"But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you." Verse 26, R.V.

### **3. Why cannot the world receive Him?**

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him."  
Verse 17.

### **4. How intimate is His union with believers?**

"But ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Same verse.

### **5. Whose presence does the Holy Spirit bring to the believers?**

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." Verse 18.

### **6. What promise is thus fulfilled?**

"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 20. See also John 14: 21-23.

### **7. What threefold union is thus established?**

"At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you." Verse 20.

### **8. How does Jesus, through the Spirit, seek an entrance to every heart?**

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3: 20.

### **9. Why was it necessary for Christ to go away?**

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." John 16: 7.

### **10. What was the Comforter to do when He came?**

"And when He is come, He will reprove [margin, convince] the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." Verse 8.

### **11. By what other title is the Comforter designated?**

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me." John 15: 26.

### **12. What did Jesus say the Spirit of truth would do?**

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come!" John 16: 13.

NOTE - The Spirit speaks (1 Tim. 4:1); teaches (1 Cor. 2:13); bears witness (Rom. 8:4); makes intercession (Rom. 8:26); distributes the gifts (1 Cor. 12:11) and invites the sinner (Rev. 22 : 17).

### **13. Whom did Christ say the Holy Spirit would glorify?**

"He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." Verse 14.

NOTE - It is plain from these scriptures that the Holy Spirit is the personal representative of Christ upon the earth, abiding in the church by dwelling in the hearts of the believers. It follows that any attempt to make a man the vicegerent of Christ in the place of the third person of the Godhead is an attempt

to put man in the place of God. Thus does the fundamental principle of the Papacy set aside the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

**14. How has God revealed to us the hidden things of the kingdom?**

"But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor. 2: 10.

**15. Who moved upon the prophets to give their messages?**

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1: 21.

**16. After Pentecost, how was the gospel preached?**

"With the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." 1 Peter 1: 12.

**17. How are believers sealed?**

"In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Eph. 1: 13.

**18. What warning is therefore given?**

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4: 30.

**19. Is there a limit to the strivings of God's Spirit?**

"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3.

NOTE - The limit is determined by the creature rather than by the Creator. It is reached when there is an utter abandonment to evil, and further appeals would be without avail. God foreknowing all things, may designate a definite period of probation for man, as in the case of the one hundred and twenty years before the Flood (Gen. 6:3) ; but His Spirit never ceases to strive with man as long as there is hope of his salvation.

**20. For what did David pray?**

"Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." PS. 51: 11.

**21. How willing is God to give to us the Holy Spirit?**

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.' Luke 11: 13.

## **33. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

### **1. Concerning what subject ought we to be informed?**

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." 1 Cor. 12: 1.

### **2. When Christ ascended, what did He give to men?**

"Wherefore He saith, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [margin, a multitude of captives], and gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4: 8.

### **3. What were these gifts that Christ gave to men?**

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Verse 11.

### **4. How are these gifts elsewhere spoken of?**

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12: 28.

### **5. For what purpose were these gifts bestowed upon the church?**

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: . . . that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Eph. 4: 12-15.

### **6. What result is to be obtained by the exercise of the gifts in the church?**

"Till we all come in [into, margin] the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Verse 13.

### **7. How is unity preserved in the diversities of gifts?**

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." 1 Cor. 12: 4.

### **8. For what purpose is the manifestation of this one Spirit given?**

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues." Verses 7-10.

### **9. Who controls the distribution of the gifts of the Spirit?**

"But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." Verse 11.

### **10. Was it God's design that all should possess the same gifts?**

"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" Verses 29, 30.

### **11. Were the gifts of the Spirit to continue forever?**

"Whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away." 1 Cor. 13: 8, R.V.

### **12. When will the gifts of the Spirit be no longer needed?**

"When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Verse 10.

## **34. THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT**

### **1. For what did Christ, just before His ascension, tell His disciples to wait?**

"And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24: 49.

### **2. With what did He say they would be baptized?**

"Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1: 5.

NOTE - John the Baptist had foretold this baptism. He said: 'I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.'" Matt. 3:11.

### **3. For what work was this baptism to prepare them?**

"But you shall receive power, after, that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1: 8.

### **4. What were some of the results of the preaching of the gospel under the outpouring of the Spirit?**

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said . . . Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. . . . Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:37-41.

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; . . . and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." Acts 5:12-14.

"And the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7.

### **5. How did persecution affect the preaching of the gospel?**

"And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. . . . Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8: 1-4.

NOTE - " Persecution has only had a tendency to extend and establish the faith which it was designed to destroy. . . . There is no lesson which men have been so slow to learn as that to oppose and persecute men is the very way to confirm them in their opinions, and to spread their doctrines.' - Dr. Albert Barnes, on Acts 4 :4.

### **6. What words of Peter seem to indicate another outpouring of the Spirit?**

"Repent ye-therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3: 19.

### **7. What event does he speak of as immediately following these times of refreshing?**

"And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive [Syriac, retain] until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Verses 20, 21.

NOTE - From this it seems evident that we may look for another outpouring of the Spirit for a final proclamation of the gospel to all the world just before Christ's second advent and the restitution of all things.

### **8. What prophecy was fulfilled in the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit in the time of the apostles?**

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said, . . . These are not drunken, as ye suppose, . . . but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy." Acts

2: 14-18. See Joel 2: 28, 29.

**9. What expressions in the prophecy of Joel seem to imply a double fulfilment of this outpouring of the Spirit?**

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." Joel 2 : 23. See also Hosea 6: 3.

NOTE - In Palestine the early rains prepare the soil for the seed sowing, and the latter rains ripen the grain for the harvest. So the early outpouring of the Spirit prepared the world for the extensive sowing of the gospel seed, and the final outpouring will come to ripen the golden grain for the harvest of the earth, which Christ says is "the end of the world." Matt. 13: 37-39; Rev. 14: 14, 15.

**10. For what are we told to pray at this time?**

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field." Zech. 10: 1.

NOTE - Before the apostles received the baptism of the Spirit in the early rain on the day of Pentecost, they all "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Acts 1:14. During this time they confessed their faults, put away their differences, ceased their selfish ambitions and contentions for place and power, so that when the time for the outpouring came, "they were all with one accord in one place," ready for its reception. To be prepared for the final outpouring of the Spirit, all sin and selfish ambition must again be put away, and a like work of grace wrought upon the hearts of God's people.

**11. How is the closing work of the gospel under the outpouring of the Spirit described by the Revelator?**

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Rev. 18:1.

**12. What does this angel say?**

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Verse 2.

NOTE - The religious world will then be in much the same condition as was the Jewish nation after it had rejected Christ at His first advent. See 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

**13. What did Peter on the day of Pentecost tell his hearers to do?**

"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2: 40.

**14. What similar call and appeal will be made under the final outpouring of the Spirit?**

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, MY people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Rev. 18:4,5.

NOTES - A great work will be accomplished in a short time under the final outpouring of the Spirit. Many voices all over the earth will sound the warning cry. Signs and wonders will be wrought by the believers, and, as at Pentecost, thousands will be converted in a day. Those who fail to heed this final gospel call, like the unbelieving Jews, will be doomed to destruction. The seven last plagues will overtake them as war, famine, death, and destruction overtook the Jews, who, not believing in Christ, failed to heed His call to flee, and shut themselves up in Jerusalem to their doom. Those who heed the call, and separate themselves from sin and from sinners, will be saved.

Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
Let Thy bright beams arise,  
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,  
The darkness from our eyes.

Convince us all of sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The mercies of our God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breasts the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole. ,

Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then shall we know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.  
Joseph Hart.

### **Are All the Children In?**

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
And storm - clouds gather in the threatening west;  
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;  
The bird hies to her nest;  
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest,  
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;  
Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearthstone:  
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.  
Oh, "at the last it biteth like a serpent"  
Poisoned are stolen sweets.  
O mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,  
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!  
Oh, shut the door of love against temptation  
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
The night of death is hastening on apace;  
The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy chamber,  
And tarry there a space."  
And when He comes, the King in all His glory,  
Who died the shameful death our hearts to win,  
Oh, may the gates of heaven shut about us,  
With all the children in!  
-Elizabeth Rosser.