The Holy Spirit in Acts

Outline:

- The Holy Spirit is not ...
- The Directive of the Holy Spirit
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Receiving/Transferring Miraculous Gifts
- The Gift of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in All Saved Persons

The Holy Spirit ...

... is not God the Father or Jesus the Son

- □ **John 14:16** And **I** will pray the **Father**, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever;
- □ John 14:26 But the <u>Comforter</u>, which is the <u>Holy Ghost</u>, whom the <u>Father</u> will send in <u>my name</u>, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- □ **John 15:26** But when the <u>Comforter</u> is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the <u>Spirit of truth</u>, which proceedeth from the <u>Father</u>, he shall testify of <u>me</u>:

The Directive of the Holy Spirit

□ John 16:7-14 KJVR - 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. (8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. (12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (13) 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. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

The Directive of the Holy Spirit

- □ John 15:26
 - Comforter = Spirit of Truth;
 - He shall **testify** of me
- □ Jn 16:

ROLES:

- Comfort (help, advocate)
- Testify of/Glorify Jesus
- Reprove (convict)
- Guide to (reveal) Truth
- (vs. 7-11) Comforter will reprove (convict) the world of:
 - Sin
 - Righteousness
 - Judgment
- □ (vs. 13-14)
 - **Guide** you* unto all truth (Revelation)
 - Glorify Jesus

Luke 24:44-49

- Fulfill law, prophets, psalms
 - Understand scripture
 - Christ suffer & rise day 3
- □ Rep, Rem of sins (his name)
 - All nations start in <u>Jerusalem</u>
 - Promise of father upon you*
 - Jerusalem, power from high

Acts 1:2-5, 8 (Apostles)



- Things pertaining to Kingdom of God
- □ Wait in Jerusalem
 - Promise of Father (4)
 - $\square = \underline{\text{Baptized}}$ with Holy Ghost(5)
 - Receive <u>Power</u> Holy Ghost (8)
 - Witnesses $\rightarrow \rightarrow$ World(8)

*[<u>The 11</u> - Mk 16:12 ff, Mt:28:16-18]



∴ Acts 2:1-4 = Baptism of apostles with the Holy Ghost

Cornelius & Company (Acts 10-11:18)

- □ Fact: Event <u>was</u> baptism with the Holy Ghost
 - □ Primary account 10:44-48
 - Vs. 44 Holy ghost <u>fell on</u> them
 - Vs. 45 on the Gentiles was <u>poured out</u> the gift of the H.G.
 - Vs. 46 For ... heard speak in tongues and magnify God
 - Rehearsal
 - 11:15 H.G. fell on them as on us at the beginning
 - 11:16 Remembered: 'ye shall be <u>baptized with the H.G</u>.'
 - 11:17 God gave them the <u>like gift</u> as unto us
- □ NOT for salvation: 10:6, 22; 11:14 \rightarrow 10:47-48

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Summary & conclusions:

- Was a special witness by God to men
 - Was not to confer salvation on recipients
 - Apostles? Gentiles? (not yet 'told what <u>must do</u>')
- Only 2 clearly defined examples in NT
 - Approval of apostles in the new kingdom (Sign of John!)
 - Approval of Gentiles to salvation apart from old law
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Summary & conclusions:

- □ Was not administered by men (Mt. 3:11, <u>Lk. 3:16</u>)
 - □ ∴ Is not the (water) baptism of the great commission
 - IT was <u>commanded</u> of <u>ALL</u> in the Christian age as an act of faith & obedience:
 - Mt. 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-16, Acts 2:38 <u>FOR</u> salvation
 - To put us <u>in Christ</u>: Rom6:3, Gal 3:26-27, Col 2:12 (<u>Eph1:3</u>)
 - By Ephesians 4:5 (AD 60-63): "There is ONE baptism"
 - John's? Holy Spirit? Jesus' & great commission?
 - Which ones are completed?
 - Which <u>ONE</u> continues?

- Acts 2-5: Only apostles mentioned (miracles)
 - Doesn't prove others didn't, but only mention
- □ Acts 6
 - □ 3 Servers Qualification = <u>full</u> of Holy Ghost
 - Meaning to them? (they knew if included signs) to us??
 - 5 Stephen: <u>full</u> of faith & H.G. (meaning?)
 - □ 6 Laid hands on them
 - Ordain/commit to task? Miraculous gifts? Both?
 - 8 Stephen: full of faith & power
 - Great wonders & miracles
 - 1st clear account of non-apostle working miracles

Spirit Filled: Lk 1:15, 17 - Jn 10:41 Eph 5:18

- Acts 8 Samaria
 - \square 6ff: Philip \rightarrow Miracles
 - □ 12: Believe & Baptized State? (Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38)
 - 13: Simon also believed & baptized
 - □ 14: **Apostles** hear, send Peter & John
 - 15: they prayed for them to receive H.G.
 - 16: (only baptized in name of Jesus)
 - \square 17: Laid hands on \rightarrow received H.G.
 - 18: Simon saw: through 'Apostles hands' ...
 - 19: Give me (power to give H.S.)
- Why not by Philip? Why not directly? Why wait?

- □ Acts 19:5-6 Ephesus
 - Paul lays hands on
 - H.G. came on them
 - Spoke with tongues, prophesied
- □ 2 Timothy 1:6 Timothy
 - Stir up gift of God in thee 'by' laying on of my hands
 - \Box 'by' = dia; through, by means of, the channel of an act

Note: 1 Tim. 4:14 "Neglect not the gift ... given thee 'by' prophesy, 'with' the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

- 'with' = meta; denotes accompaniment, accompanied by
- → Timothy received a gift by means of Paul's hands, which was also accompanied by the laying on of hands of the eldership.

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- \square Acts 8:15-18 (did apostles' hands = miraculous gifts?)
 - What did Simon see?
 - Non-miraculous measure (16) would already be received
 - Not fallen on, 'only' baptized in name of 5:32, Romans 8:14
 - What aspect of the Spirit did they need?
 - Confirmation of subsequent preaching
 - Mk16:20, Heb. 2:3-4 → Acts 8:6 (gave heed ... why?)
 - Vs Corinth (1 Cor. 1:6-7) \rightarrow testimony confirmed ...
 - Establishment
 - Romans 1:10-11 \rightarrow ... that ye may be established
 - Vs Corinth (1 Cor. 1:6-7) \rightarrow behind in no gift

Miraculous Gifts: Conclusions

Miraculous gifts of H.S. were received through:

- Holy Spirit baptism (Scripture lists 2 special occasions)
- Laying on of apostle's hands
 - Note limitations imposed by <u>time</u> and <u>geography</u>
 - Indicates an exclusive process for receiving miraculous gifts
 - Indicates that miraculous gifts were an important but limited and finite role for the Spirit (confirm word & establish churches)
 - Not everyone who obeyed gospel would have 'received the Spirit' in this manner, even in 1st century.
 - ... This can NOT be the 'gift of the Holy Spirit' promised to those that repent and are baptized for sins

Possible meanings to discuss:

- 1. The Gift is from the H.S. and is associated with the Promise of 2:39.
- 2. The Gift IS the H.S.
 - A. Involves a non-miraculous measure of H.S.
 - A1. <u>Indirect indwelling</u> influence and relationship with the H.S. <u>through</u> the word.
 - A2. <u>Direct indwelling</u> personal guidance and influence of H.S. <u>in addition to word</u>.
 - (± miraculous or supernatural?)
 - B. Involves a miraculous measure of the H.S.

2B. Gift involves miraculous measure/gifts?

- Gift is promised to 'all that repent and are baptized'.
- No scriptural support that simple obedience to gospel was categorically associated with miraculous gifts
- Contradicts evidence for how miraculous gifts of Spirit were received or transferred (above)
 - See especially Samaritans before apostles came in 8:12-18

2A2. <u>Direct indwelling of the H.S. (Personal guidance & influence in addition to word)</u>? Providence

John 7:17

James 4:15

- □ If H.S. acts in this way, how do we know?
 - Confirm by prophet, miraculous signs (...today)?
 - Basically, can't fully deny. Thankful if happens. But, ...
- Can't use feelings or emotions as proof of Spirit's presence, approval, or guidance! Jer. 17:9, Rom 10:1-3
 - Conscience Vs intuition Vs veiled personal wishes Vs Spirit???
 - Note religious contradictions, subjectively affirmed by both sides
- Spirit's teaching in His Word? Confirmation of relationship comes from comparing our lives with the revealed word.
 - □ 2 Cor. 13:5, 1 Jn 5:13, 2:28, 3:18-22; Jas 1:22-25
 - Emotions = An effect, not confirmation, of obedience Acts 8:39

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- Luke 24:44-49
 - Jesus is focus and fulfillment of all OT (HS promises)

 2 Peter 1:21
 - Repentance & remission of sins
 - Taught among <u>all nations</u>, beginning in Jerusalem
- □ Acts 1:2-5, 8
 - Taught things pertaining to kingdom
 - □ Promise of Father → Baptism with H.G. (Jerus.)
 - Witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, all world

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 - Prophet David (H.S. guided promises)
 - Resurrection
 - Seed raised to throne (king)
 - 33 exalted, received of Father the 'promise of the HS'
 - 36 Jesus is Lord & Christ

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(Hint: If the Spirit had been poured out and nothing else, what would have been accomplished?)

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- <u>Lk 5:18-26</u> (23) Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?
- <u>Heb. 2:3-4</u>

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* What Promise?

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- Acts 3:24-26
 - All prophets (H.S. promises) from Samuel → These days
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 - ... Covenant with Abraham (H.S. promises): Gen 12:3, 22:18"In thy seed all kindreds of the earth be blessed"
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- □ **Gal. 3:8** "And the <u>scripture</u>, <u>forseeing</u> (HS promises) that God would <u>justify the heathen</u> through faith preached before the <u>gospel</u> unto Abraham, saying, 'In thee shall all the nations be blessed'." (See Gen. 12:3; 22:18)
 - \rightarrow 3:13-16, 27-29, 4:28
- □ **Gal. 4:4-5a** "But when the <u>fulness of time</u>* was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman*, made under the law, (5) <u>to redeem</u> them that were under the law, …" [* See Gen. 3:15]

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- □ Ephesians 1:13-14
- (13) "In whom (Christ, vs 12) ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that <u>ye believed</u>, ye were <u>sealed</u> with the <u>holy Spirit of promise</u>,
- (14) Which is <u>the earnest</u> of our <u>inheritance</u> until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." [My H.S. Promise!!]

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- Romans 8:9b have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (9-11)
- Romans 8:16 the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit

Indwelling - Other examples to consider

- □ Christ ←→ God Indwelling
 - □ John 14:11 I am in the Father and the Father in me
 - A figurative image (literal picture?)
 - John 8:29 "with me" ... I always do what pleases Him
 - John 15:10 I kept command, abide in His love
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 - □ John 15:5-10
 - \blacksquare V. 5 Jesus abides in man V. 7 My words abide in him
 - V. 5 Man abides in Jesus (5-6) and bears fruit
 - V. 10 If man keeps commands, he abides in Jesus' LOVE
 - ... Even as Jesus kept command, abides in Father's love
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 - See also: Eph. 3:16-17; Romans 8:10

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- \square God $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Man Indwelling
 - □ 1 John 4:15-16 God dwells in him and he in God

 - \blacksquare Confess Jesus God \longleftrightarrow Man Indwelling
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- \square So ... Spirit \longleftrightarrow Man Indwelling ... ?
- Relationship with the Spirit
 - Romans 8:1-17 (esp. 2, 9, 14, 16)
 - □ That the Spirit does many things for us is undeniable
 - The question that is not always answered in every text, is HOW does He do those things?
 - Directly
 - Personally
 - Miraculously, supernaturally
 - Indirectly

□ **Eph. 6:17**

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Action	Spirit	Word
Born again, beget	John 3:5	1 Pet. 1:23; Jas 1:18; 1 Cor 4:15
Quickens, gives life	John 6:63; 1 Cor 3:6	Ps. 119:50, 93; John 6:63
Saves	1 Cor 6:11	Jas 1:21; Acts 11:14; Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 1:21, 15:1-2
Renews	Tit 3:5	Col 3:10; Rom 12:2
Sanctifies	2 Thes 2:13; 1 Pet 1:12; 1 Cor 6:11	John 17:17
Washes	1 Cor 6:11	Eph 5:26
Has Power	Rom 15:13	Rom 1:16
Leads (draws)	Rom 8:14	Ps 119:105; John 6:44-45

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Sonship, Children by	Rom 8:14	Gal 3:26-27 (Rom 10:17)
Comforts	Acts 9:31	1 Thes 4:18
Instructs	Neh 9:20	2 Tim 3:16-17
Convicts	John 16:8	Titus 1:9
Strengthen, build up	Eph 3:16	Acts 20:32
Indwells	Eph 5:18; Rom 8:11 (cf Eph 3:17; Rom 10:17)	Col 3:16
Purify in Obedience	1 Pet 1:22	1 Pet 1:22
Called	(By God) 2 Tim 1:8-9; 1 Thes 2:12; Rom 8:30	2 Thes 2:14

Other Actions of God's Word

- □ Produces faith
 - □ John 17:20, 20:30-31; Rom 10:17
- Frees man (from sin and death)
 - □ John 8:32 (17:17); Rom 8:2
- Converts
 - Psalm 19:7

Other Actions of God's Word

- Makes wise
 - Psalms 19:7; 2 Tim 3:15
- Rejoices heart
 - Psalms 19:8
- Enlightens eyes
 - Psalms 19:8