

I Will Pour Out My Spirit *Acts 2:14-21*

Theme: The Holy Spirit

Aim: To discuss who the Holy Spirit is and what He does.

1. In Acts 2 we have the record of an event unique in history.
 2. It is an event predicted many years before by the prophet Joel, (Joel 2:28-32).
 3. It is an event that has captured the minds of men from that day until now.
 4. Who and what is the Holy Spirit and what is His role and purpose today?
- I. What does the Bible say about who this Holy Spirit is?
- A. Let us note some places where three divine beings (The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit) are mentioned.
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| 1. Matthew 3:13-17. | 4. Matthew 28:18-20 |
| 2. Genesis 1:1-2. | 5. 2 Corinthians 13:14. |
| 3. John 14:16, 25-28. | 6. Hebrews 9:13-15. |
- B. The Holy Spirit is...
1. A Divine Being, a "He" not an "it."
 2. Part of what the Bible calls the Divine Nature or Godhead, Acts 17:29, Colossians 2:9.
 3. The Holy Spirit obviously had/has a role in spiritual activities.
- II. What the Holy Spirit is *not*!
- A. A mysterious power, feeling, or emotional excitement.
1. The Bible never relates a time where the Holy Spirit took away a man's faculties or ability to control himself. An interesting contrast is found in Ephesians 5:18-19.
 2. As a source of truth, He possesses Divine Intelligence and imparts that to man, 2 Peter 1:21, John 14:25-26, 16:5-15.
 3. This is the process of revelation and/or inspiration, Ephesians 3:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:14-17.
 4. Compare: Mark 16:17-18, Hebrews 2:1-4.
- B. The Bible or the Word.
1. He certainly has a relationship to/with it.
 2. The Holy Spirit revealed the Word, inspired the Word, confirmed the Word.
 3. Ephesians 6:17, the Word is the Holy Spirit's sword. He is separate from it, but using it!
- III. Some further thoughts about the Holy Spirit.
- A. He has other Divine attributes.
1. He is eternal and transcends the creation, Genesis 1:1-2.
 2. He has the power of volition or will, 1 Corinthians 12:11, Acts 16:6.
- B. Some things He does:
1. He speaks, 1 Timothy 4:1. He spoke to Phillip, Acts 8:29.
 2. He bears witness, John 14:26-27.
 3. He makes intercession for the saints, Romans 8:26.
 4. He may be grieved, Ephesians 4:30.
 5. Can be lied to, Acts 5:3.
 6. He produces fruit in the lives of the Christian, Galatians 5:22-26.

1. I am grateful for what the Spirit has done and is doing for the Christian.
2. Will you be obedient to the Divine message revealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit?

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