LESSON 16

The Holy Spirit (Continued)

Read: Romans 8:1-17; 26, 27; Galatians 5:22-25; Review: Lesson 15

V. The Work of the Holy Spirit

On the day of Pentecost, the windows of heaven were opened. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit produced an abundance of exceptional blessings. It effected the richest possible alterations in the hearts of men. Today, the gracious Spirit of the living God still touches the human heart like no other power.

The work of the Holy Spirit is Christ-centered. He honours Christ. Apart from the operations of the Holy Spirit there can be no saving knowledge of the gospel. The Spirit reveals to sinners the necessity and the precious nature of the love of Christ.

1. Q. What did Job say of the Holy Spirit? (Job 33:4a)

   A. Job said "_ _."

2. Q. What part did the Holy Spirit have in the writing of the Bible?

   A. Holy men of God _. (2 Peter 1:21b)

   "All _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is given by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _" (2 Timothy 3:16a).

3. Q. What special work is assigned to the Holy Spirit? (John 16:8)

   A. To reprove (or convince) the world of _ _ _, and of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

4. Q. By whose power and grace are sinners born again and enter into the Kingdom of God? (John 3:3-8)

   A. By the power and grace of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

5. (a) By the Holy Spirit, sinners are q _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (John 6:63a).

   (b) To _ _ _ _ _ _ _ means to make alive (spiritually).

   (c) Before this quickening they were spiritually _ _ _ _ in trespasses and _ _ _ _ (Ephesians 2:1).

6. God saves by the washing of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (Titus 3:5b).

7. "No man can say that _ _ _ _ _ is the _ _ _ _ but by the Holy Ghost." (1 Corinthians 12:3b).

8. By means of the ministry of the gospel of God, believing Gentiles were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by the Holy Ghost (Romans 15:16c).

9. Q. What does the Holy Spirit teach? (John 14:26b)

   A. “He shall teach _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _ things _ _   _ _ _ _
   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .”

10. Q. By what means are the deep things of God revealed? (1 Corinthians 2:10a)

   A. They are revealed unto us _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ .

11. Q. What is the natural (unsaved) man unable to do? (1 Corinthians 2:14a)

   A. He “ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ .”

12. Q. By what name is the Holy Spirit called as a Teacher of God’s people in John 14:26a?

   A. The Holy Spirit is named the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

13. Q. What comfort does the Holy Spirit give to believers? (Romans 8:16)

   A. He witnesses to their hearts that they are _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ .

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit endowed Peter with special wisdom. Peter declared the outpouring of the Spirit to be a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Moreover, he pointed out that the ministry of Christ with its wondrous miracles was approved of God.

Furthermore, Peter related the Old Testament Scriptures to the recent events of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular emphasis was on the truth that God the Father highly exalted Christ by giving Him the honourable position at His right hand.

The sermon reached its climax with the accusation of the audience. Peter’s hearers were declared to be guilty of the most serious offence of crucifying the One who was highly favoured by the most high God.

The amazing effect of the Pentecost sermon likewise brought great glory to the Saviour. By the Spirit’s grace, enemies were shown the greatness of their sin and guilt. They looked on Him whom they had pierced. They mourned for Him as one who mourns for his only son. Three thousand hearers were stricken with a godly sorrow.

Upon their inquiry “What must we do to be saved?”, they were pointed to the same Christ.

Seven weeks ago, in hatred they had cried out, “Away with Him! Crucify Him!” Now, in their deep sorrow, they looked into the endless depth of Christ’s forgiving heart and found in Christ a priceless healing balm.

How precious is the way in which the Holy Spirit glorifies the Saviour. He honours Christ by making room for Him. He brings the sinner low and humbles all his pride. He leads the soul into such straits that none but Christ can save. He creates a thirst which Christ alone can quench. He wounds the heart and makes it plain that only Christ can heal. He reveals the unsearchable treasures of Christ’s grace to needy sinners. He glorifies the Saviour when the believer embraces Christ in His redeeming love.

As a result, heaven is filled with gladness, and faith exclaims: **“He (Christ) is altogether lovely!”**

VI. The Abiding Presence of the Holy Spirit

1. Q. How long does the Holy Spirit abide with the true believer? (John 14:16b)

   A. _ _ _   _ _ _ _ .

2. Did David lose the Holy Spirit after he had sinned so dreadfully?

   (a) Yes

   (b) No

   Underline the correct answer.

3. Q. What did David ask of God? (Psalm 51:11b)

   A. "_ _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ from me."

VII. Our Attitude toward the Holy Spirit

1. Q. What should we do in order to receive the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11:13c)

   A. We should _ _ _ for this special grace and gift of the _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ .

   We should _ _ _ _ and reverence the Word of God.

2. In Acts 10:44 we read, "The Holy Ghost fell on all them which _ _ _ _ _ the word."

3. Q. From whom do we receive the Holy Spirit?

   A. From _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ (John 14:26a) and _ _ _   _ _ _ (John 16:7c).

4. At the time the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

   Q. What had they been doing? (Acts 1:14a; 4:31a)

   A. They were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

5. Q. What is promised to those who repent of their sins? (Acts 2:38)

   A. "Ye shall receive the _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _   _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ ."

VIII. Review

1. The Holy Spirit is the third _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Holy Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, co-eternal in Being and attributes with the _ _ _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ .
2. Christ accomplished salvation for sinners. The _ _ _ _ S_ _ _ _ _ imparts it to them by His Word.
3. The Holy Spirit is not a mere energy or attribute of God. He is a Divine Person like the _ _ _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ . He is called holy, being of the Divine essence and different from the human spirit. He is holy and makes _ _ _ _ .
4. The Holy Spirit convinces the world of _ _ _ (because they believed not on Christ; which since the revelation of God in Christ is the greatest sin), of "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ " (John 16:8-11).

   By these convictions the Holy Spirit works rep _ _ _ _ _ _ and conv _ _ _ _ _ .
5. The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ teaches believers by opening the eyes of their understanding for the truth and furthers them from one stage to another (John 16:12,13).
6. The relation of the Holy Spirit to the soul of man is a personal one. It is necessary that He be 'also given me'. It is our privilege and duty to _ _ _ _ for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

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