

PENTECOST SUNDAY

INTRODUCTION.

Is this important or what ?????

A. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. Is He Divine in the absolute sense?

a. Divine attributes are ascribed to Him

He is eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient
Heb 9:14; Ps 139:7-10; Lk 1:35; 1 Cor 2:10&11

2. Divine works are ascribed to Him

Creation Gen 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps 8:5

Regeneration John 3:5-8

Resurrection Rom 8:11

3. He is placed in co-ordinate rank with the Father and the Son

1 Cor 12:4-6; 2 Cor 13:14; Matt 28:19;
Rev 1:4

B. Is the Holy Spirit a person or just an influence?

1. He exercises the attributes of personality

Mind Rom 8:27;

Will 1 Cor 12:11

Feeling Eph 4:30

2. Personal activities are ascribed to Him.

He reveals 2 Pet 1:21

He teaches John 14:26

He intercedes Rom 8:26

He commands Acts 16:6&7

He testifies John 15:26

He may be grieved Eph 4:20

He can be lied to Acts 5:3

He can be blasphemed Matt 12:31,32

His personality is indicated by the fact that He was manifested in visible form – in the form of a Dove.

Matt 3:16

3 Is the Holy Spirit a personality separate and distinct from God?

YES: The Spirit proceeds from God, is sent from God, is God's gift to men.

Yet the Spirit is not independent of God.

What does He do?

- The executor of a will
- He makes real to us the benefits of being brothers and sisters of the Saviour.
- He is Jesus representative.

● A. BIBLICAL PICTURES.

1. Creation - He is the Spirit of creation
Genesis 1:2

look at creation - beauty, order, wonder, infinite variety, sense of perfection.

The Spirit of God is always creatively active.

We need the fresh creativity of the Spirit in the church today.

● 2. Israel

The Holy Spirit brought Israel into being and preserved it against all odds.

(Exodus)

Usually did it by taking ordinary people and making their work extraordinary

Moses

Samson

Solomon

3. The Bible

The Holy Spirit gave us the Bible

(Holy men of God wrote as they were moved by the Spirit)

- Consistent Unity -despite 40 authors !!
- We who read it need the Holy Spirit's guidance in understanding

4. Christ

Every part of His ministry on earth achieved in the power of the Spirit.

- a. **Baptism** (The Holy Spirit descended like a dove. Mark 1:10)
- b. **First sermon** ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..... Luke 4:18)
- c. **The Miracles - the work of the Spirit.**
- d. **Casting out evil spirits** (If I by the Spirit of God cast out demons.....)

5. The Church

After the resurrection - the embryonic church (Frightened, subdued, no life, no power, alone)

Following that - every aspect of church life marked by the Spirit.

Worship,
ministry,
evangelism,
service.

The Spirit is the source of - creativity
- life
- holy living
in church life !!!!

The church cannot be full of the Spirit unless the members are !!!

B. POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. The Holy Spirit is the source of power.

the early church:

spoke with authority
challenged the kingdom of Satan
completed their mission against all odds.

What of our church ???

- b. **Ordinary people became extraordinary**
(Acts 1 & 2)
- c. **The experience is at one and the same time totally secure and totally insecure**

Secure: "in the palm of God's hand"

Insecure: "the wind blows where it will..."

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO ?

- * **HE EMPOWERS THOSE WHO WILL BE OBEDIENT TO HIM.**
- * **HE BRINGS THEIR FUTURE TO THEM AND TEACHES THEM OF THE THINGS OF GOD.**
- * **HE WILL CHANGE HISTORY THROUGH THEM.**