

THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (#1)

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletic points.

- **Suffering** (Acts 1:3) "Speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God."
- **Supper** (Acts 1:4) "He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for which the Father had promised, 'Which, He said, 'You heard of from Me.'"
- **Spirit** (Acts 1:5) "for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Unger connected these doctrinal points, concluding that the Advent of the Holy Spirit inaugurated the Church Age.

"According to the prophetic announcement of John the Baptist of the Spirit's baptizing work (Matt.1:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16-17; John 1:32-34), the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ were to inaugurate the new age of the Holy Spirit's ministry." (Unger Bible Dict., pg.497)

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Advent of the Holy Spirit and the inauguration of the Church Age.

1. John the Baptist gave a prophetic proclamation of both the Advent of Christ and of the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11; John 1:29-34; Acts 1:5).

The Advent of the Holy Spirit would come after the Suffering of Christ. (His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension).

John came baptizing with water to identify The Christ to Israel (John 1:29-34; 11-13). The scriptures show us that Jesus didn't come baptizing with water or with the Holy Spirit during His earthly ministry (John 4:1-2).

Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit would not occur until after His ascension (Acts 1:3-5; John 7:38-39).

(John 16:7) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

2. Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit would occur as one of the first acts after being seated on the Church Age (CA) throne (Acts 1:5; Eph.1:20-23; Col.1:18; 2:10, 15; 3:1).

The CA throne is 1 of 5 throne periods of Jesus Christ

During the Upper Room Discourse, Jesus referred to His baptizing with the Holy Spirit as the **Parakletos** (Helper, Comforter) **ministry** (John 13-17).

3. Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit would inaugurate a new age or the Church Age Dispensation.

Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit would begin the Parakletos ministry of the third member of the Godhead.

(John 3:39) "But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

There would be enormous dispensational changes from the Jewish Age to the Church Age.

Jewish age to church age	Old covenant to New covenant
Levitical priesthood to Royal	Shadow Christology to historical
Temporal ministry of Holy Spirit to permanent	Partial canon to completed
First coming to Second of Jesus Christ	Priest-nation divine agency to Church
Some spiritual gifted to all	Localized evangelism to world-wide

The Book of Acts gives an account of these changes.

4. Jesus' disciples were confused regarding this teaching until after the ascension of Jesus Christ and Pentecost of Acts Ch. 2.

(Acts 2:33; 1:4) "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."

Part of their confusion was their inability to grasp the mystery of the Church age of the "last days."

The OT didn't separate the First from the Second Coming of Christ (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32).

The Book of Acts describes the Parakletos ministry by four 'Pentecost' events - baptizing Jewish Age believers into the body of Christ, the Church

- Ch.2 Jews
- Ch.8 Samaritans
- Ch.10-11 Gentiles
- Ch.19 Disciples of John Baptist. .

5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ is technically different than the baptism of the Church Age Believer (CAB) by the Holy Spirit (John 7:39; 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-11).

In the Church Age, the Holy Spirit baptizes believers into the body of Christ, the Church.

(1 Cor.12:13) "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." (Gal.3:26-29)

At the moment of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Gal.3:2), the Holy Spirit performs 8 of 50 salvation works that the Church Age Believer can never lose in time or eternity (John 14:16-17).

Adoption (Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism (Gal.3:26-29)	Seals and earnest (2 Cor.1:22)
Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual life (Rom.8:9-11)
Regeneration (Titus 3:5-7)	Spiritual gift (1Cor.12:11)

**The Holy Spirit will depart from the earth with the Church at the Rapture
(1 Thess.4:13-18) (2 Thess.2:6-8)**