

THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (#2)

Last Sunday we studied the Advent of the Spirit into biblical history resulting from Jesus' baptizing with Holy Spirit (Acts 1:3-5).

We will review four doctrinal principles from last week's lesson that are important to this lesson.

- John the Baptist baptized with water to introduce the earthly ministry of the second member of the Godhead, Jesus Christ.
- Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit to introduce the earthly ministry of the third member of the Godhead, Holy Spirit.
- The Church Age (CA) is the dispensation of the unique earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- The unique earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit was the primary teaching of Jesus during the Upper Room Discourse and during the 40 day period of His post-resurrection (Jn.20-21; Acts 1:3-5).

Jesus gave this unbelievable promise to all Church Age Believers (CABs):

(Jn.14:12) "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; **and greater works** than these he will do; because I go to the Father."

We will study five unique ministries of the Holy Spirit to the world

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points and four special titles given by Jesus to Holy Spirit.

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| • Grief | (Jn.16:5-6) | Jesus leaving the world. |
| • Good | (Jn.16:7) | Spirit coming to the world. |
| • Guilt | (Jn.16:8-11) | Spirit's convicting the world. |
| • Glory | (Jn.16:12-15) | Spirit's ministry in the Church |

Jesus described the earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit during the CA by the following four titles.

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| • Helper | (Jn.16:7) | Parakletos (Jn.14:16, 26; 15:26) |
| • Conviction | (Jn.16:8-11) | Elegcho |
| • Spirit of truth | (Jn.16:13a) | Pneuma aletheia |
| • Discloser | (Jn.16:13b-15) | Anangelo |

1. When Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit began His unique parakletos earthly ministry to the world. (Acts 1:3-5; 2:33-34; John 13-17) (Church Age)

Parakletos is a term taken from the legal field. It refers to counsel for the defense or an advocate for those in legal trouble.

It became a term used for Jesus, while seated in session, as an advocate of the Church Age Believer (CAB) (1 Jn.2:1-2). The Holy Spirit is called "another" (allos) [of the same kind] "parakletos" [like Jesus] (Jn.14:16).

2. A second unique ministry of the Holy Spirit, to the world, is Grace Salvation to everyone who believes the historical gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Jn.7:39).

All members of the human race are born under the 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:16-17; 1 Cor.15:22).

One of those 13 judicial charges is the "natural man" (psuchikos anthropos) (1 Cor.2:14; Jude 19). The natural man is worldly-minded and devoid of the Holy Spirit. This means that he does not belong to Christ (Rom.8:9; John 7:38-39; John 14:17).

When anyone believes the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit accomplishes eight (8) works which can never be lost in time or eternity (1 Cor.6:19-20) [last week's study]. Natural is changed to Spiritual (1 Cor.3:1).

3. A third unique ministry of The Holy Spirit to the world comes from His indwelling the Church Age Believer's body. (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2; Jn.14:16; Eph.5:18).

The Church Age Believer is commanded to "walk" (peripateo / p.a.impv) by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit"

(Gal.5:16-25) "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

(John 15:26-27) "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me**, and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

(Acts 1:8) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

4. A fourth unique ministry of the Holy Spirit to the world involves the indwelling Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

This is done through the witness of the Spiritually Mature Believer (John 16:7-11).

- **Convict** (elegcho) [to be overcome by persuasive argument] is the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.1:18; 2:4-5, 13). Paul did not want their faith to be placed in clever arguments but in the power of God." (NIV of 1 Cor.2:5)
- **Sin of unbelief** (Jn.16:8-9) "Because they do not believe in Me." (John 7:38-39)
- **Righteousness by faith** (Jn.16:8, 10) "Because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me." (Rom.3:10, 22-24; 4:5; 2 Cor.5:21)
- **Judgment of unbelief** (Jn.16:11) "Because the ruler of this world has been judged." (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:10-15; 1 Jn.5:19-20; Jn.5:24)

5. The fifth unique ministry of the Holy Spirit to the world is Restrainer of evil (ho katecho /p.ptc) [one who holds back] (2 Thess.2:3-10; 1 John 3:4; 2 Pet.2:7-9).

(2 Thess.2:7) "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains** will do so until He is taken out of the way.