

John Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Okay, welcome back and here we go! Today we look at the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit with us. They really are inseparable, these links and truly the way to successful Christian living and maturity.

First, we learn some lessons from Jesus. Then we apply discernment, wisdom and knowledge to actuate the power within us --- the Holy Spirit --- the Living God --- that actually dwells within us!

John 1:29-34

- 1) What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

There are lots of different ideas about this concept, but only one truth:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Union with Christ
- Positional Sanctification
- Creation of a new Spiritual species

All of these are big topics. We are not going to try and tackle all but if you want to learn --- read the Grace Notes Handout on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

It is really interesting to me that once John witnessed and testified about the Holy Spirit resting on Jesus, a peculiar thing happens:

Matthew 3:13 - 4:1

- 2) Jesus was led into the desert to be tempted. What can we learn from this?

Often, we see trials as attacks from the enemy. Sometimes they are. Sometimes they are a result of our own decision making. Either way, we need the sustaining ministry of the Holy Spirit to survive. God's gift to us --- Jesus' gift to us.

Last week we discussed the beginning and now I'd like to conclude that thought.

- God --- the Creator
- Jesus --- the Word, the mode of creation
- The Holy Spirit --- the force doing/making creation.

God thinks (knows) --- Jesus (speaks) --- Spirit (creates).

3) Can you explain that now?

OK..... I think something --- I get the tool --- my body does the work.

John 14:15-18 and 25-27

Jesus promises we will receive this Holy Spirit, that He will send Him. Again, the progression --- God thinks --- Jesus speaks --- the Spirit does!

Today, that spirit is in you. You are part of a new Spiritual Species.

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 10:44-48

I Corinthians 12:13

- 4) a. Have you been baptized by the Holy Spirit?
- 4) b. What does that mean?

You have the active power within you. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit:

- Gives us gifts
- Seals us
- Teaches us
- Leads us
- Stays with us
- Fills us
- Comforts us.

There are a lot more things the Spirit does.

But for application: Listen:

John 14:12-14

- 5) How does this work? Is it true?

Remember, all thought is in words. God thought and spoke. If you have the mind of Christ (the Word), you will begin to think like God --- the renewing of your mind --- a choice. Then you will know God's will in most circumstances! You can pray and speak.

The Holy spirit will then activate or perform or however you want to term it.

God will answer your prayers.

Let's pray today for God's will to be known and to be directed in a God led prayer and let's watch for results!

Nex week: John 2:1-12 --- Water to Wine.

