



Lesson 4 – The Gift of the Spirit

- 1) What did Jesus tell His disciples before He went to Calvary?
John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another _____, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 2) What did He add to that so the disciples could understand?
John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he _____ with you, and shall be _____ you.

Before offering Himself as the sacrificial victim, He instructed His disciples regarding a most essential and complete gift which He was to bestow upon His followers, the gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of His grace.

The Saviour was pointing forward to the time when the Holy Spirit should come to do a mighty work as His representative. The evil that had been accumulating for centuries was to be resisted by the divine power of the Holy Spirit.

- 3) What happened in Jerusalem at the Feast of Pentecost?
Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with _____ in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty _____, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all _____ with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the _____ gave them utterance.
- 4) What promise had Jesus made earlier to them?
Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the _____ part of the earth.

As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions.

- 5) What Prophecy was fulfilled?
Zechariah 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is _____ among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Every Christian saw in his brother a revelation of divine love and benevolence. One interest prevailed; one subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom.

- 6) What was a notable feature of the Early Church?
Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and _____ was upon them all.

Under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of truth, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with peace and joy. They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them, and as they went from place to place, the poor had the gospel preached to them, and miracles of divine grace were wrought.

So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit.



The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service. To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness. The more closely believers have walked with God, the more clearly and powerfully have they testified of their Redeemer's love and of His saving grace.

7) How willing is God to give good gifts to His people?

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall _____; knock, and it shall be _____ unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give _____ unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it?

For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God. Companies of Christian workers should gather to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely. The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give.

It is not a conclusive evidence that a man is a Christian because he manifests spiritual ecstasy under extraordinary circumstances. Holiness is not rapture: it is an entire surrender of the will to God; it is living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father; it is trusting God in trial, in darkness as well as in the light; it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is relying on God with unquestioning confidence, and resting in His love.

8) What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit?

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the _____, he shall testify of _____:

9) Who does the Holy Spirit NOT speak of?

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of _____; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them. Men having fanciful views may bring together passages of Scripture and put a human construction on them, but the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church. Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding, silence is golden.

10) What will the Holy Spirit do?

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will _____ the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin. If the sinner responds to the quickening influence of the Spirit, he will be brought to repentance and aroused to the importance of obeying the divine requirements.

11) What will the Spirit do for Jesus?

John 16:14 He shall glorify _____: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto _____.



12) What will He do for you?

John 14:26 But the _____, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall _____ you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Spirit is given as a regenerating agency, to make effectual the salvation wrought by the death of our Redeemer. The Spirit is constantly seeking to draw the attention of men to the great offering that was made on the cross of Calvary, to unfold to the world the love of God, and to open to the convicted soul the precious things of the Scriptures.

13) What else will the Spirit do?

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will _____ you things to come.

Having brought conviction of sin, and presented before the mind the standard of righteousness, the Holy Spirit withdraws the affections from the things of this earth and fills the soul with a desire for holiness. If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul. By His power the way of life will be made so plain that none need err therein.

14) Was the Holy Spirit present in the Old Testament?

Nehemiah 9:20 Thou gavest also thy _____ to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst

From the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose on behalf of the fallen race. This was manifest in the lives of the patriarchs.

And today God is still using His church to make known His purpose in the earth. Today the heralds of the cross are going from city to city, and from land to land, preparing the way for the second advent of Christ. The standard of God's law is being exalted. The Spirit of the Almighty is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence become witnesses for God and His truth. In many places consecrated men and women may be seen communicating to others the light that has made plain to them the way of salvation through Christ. And as they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they receive more and still more of the Spirit's power. Thus, the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God.

15) What promises were given about the End Times?

Zechariah 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the _____; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the _____ rain, and the _____ rain in the first month.

Near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest.



16) What warning was given by Jesus to the Disciples (and us)?

Matthew 25:10-13 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was _____. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I _____. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Unless the members of God's church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping. Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will fail of receiving added grace in times of special need.

17) What is YOUR calling?

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are _____ together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's _____.

18) How does Jesus claim those who follow His instructions?

Hebrews 2:11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them _____,

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did _____ to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many _____.

Mark 3:34-35 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the _____, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

As the Elder Brother of our race, He knows the necessities of those who, compassed with infirmity and living in a world of sin and temptation, still desire to serve Him. He knows that the messengers whom He sees fit to send are weak, erring men; but to all who give themselves wholly to His service He promises divine aid. His own example is an assurance that earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith, faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work, will avail to bring to men the Holy Spirit's aid in the battle against sin.

Can you see your need of the Holy Ghost?

Do you want the Spirit's presence in your life?

When is the time to ask Christ for Him to come into your life?