

# OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

## *Part 5 – The Holy Spirit*

Ephesians 1:13,14

### **Introduction:**

- A. The most difficult concept to grasp – the being of God
  - 1. There is only \_\_\_\_\_ God (Is 46:9), and we are not to have no other gods in our life (Ex 20:3)
  - 2. Jesus is God in the f\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 1:1,14), and He claimed to be the God who appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Jn 8:58), yet He called the Father His God (Jn 4:23,24; 20:17).
  - 3. The Holy Spirit is called God and L\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:3,4; 2Cor 3:17), yet is distinct from the Father and Jesus.
  - 4. All three are distinct at Jesus's b\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 3:17) and Jesus makes that distinction clear in Jn 14:26).
  - 5. The only conclusion to draw without contradicting God's word is that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each being fully God yet distinct from one another; and together are one entity.
- B. Today's lesson is on the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Many wrongly see the Holy Spirit as i\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Many wrongly view the Holy Spirit as God's p\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. The goal of today's message – to gain a good understanding of the Holy Spirit and why He is such a blessing to us in Christ.

### **The Holy Spirit is promised to us as a permanent indwelling presence (13)**

- A. He is described in Eph 1:13 as one who was p\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. The Holy Spirit was very a\_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.
    - a. He would come upon judges, kings, and prophets but only at certain t\_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1) The Spirit came upon King Saul (1Sam 16:11ff) but withdrew from him after he d\_\_\_\_\_ God's orders (1Sam 16:14)
    - 2) After David was convicted of his sin with Bathsheba, he prayed to the Lord not to take His Holy Spirit from him (Ps 51:11)
  - b. There was no p\_\_\_\_\_ given in the O.T. about the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Jesus taught His apostles about the Holy Spirit
  - a. He was w\_\_\_\_\_ them but would be sent to be IN them f\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 14:16,17)
  - b. The permanent indwelling is called the b\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (Act 1:5; 2:1-4)

- B. He is stated in Eph 1:13 to be r\_\_\_\_\_
1. After listening to the g\_\_\_\_\_
  2. After b\_\_\_\_\_ or trusting in Christ
  3. Tongues are not to be equated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit
    - a. The first disciples spoke in tongues when the Holy Spirit was sent to them (Acts 2:1-4)
    - b. The 3000 who were saved did not speak in tongues when they trusted Christ (Act 2:37-41)

### **The Holy Spirit is God's stamp of ownership upon us (13)**

- A. Eph 1:13 states that believers were s\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit
1. Most versions use the above word except the NLT which dives into the meaning of the Greek word – *He identified you as His own*.
  2. The Greek word pictures a person being m\_\_\_\_\_ in some way that identifies them as owned by someone.
    - a. Ancient times - s\_\_\_\_\_ were marked on the ear by an awl.
    - b. Modern times - f\_\_\_\_\_ ear-mark their cattle or brand them to identify that they are theirs.
- B. Believers are marked, branded with the Holy Spirit to show that we b\_\_\_\_\_ to God.
1. There is no l\_\_\_\_\_ time between believing in Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit. They happen simultaneously.
  2. God k\_\_\_\_\_ all those who belong to Him (2Tim 2:19) – this is a personal, intimate knowledge.

### **The Holy Spirit is our security of complete salvation (14)**

- A. Compare translations: The Holy Spirit is the:
1. P\_\_\_\_\_ of our future inheritance (NAS)
  2. E\_\_\_\_\_ of our future inheritance (KJV)
  3. D\_\_\_\_\_ of our future inheritance (NIV)
  4. G\_\_\_\_\_ of our future inheritance (NLT)
- B. The Greek word that is used
1. Is a f\_\_\_\_\_ term.
  2. It was used to refer to a down p\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. It gives a \_\_\_\_\_ of full payment.

- C. Salvation is viewed in three stages
1. Stage 1 – at the moment that we trust in Christ we are saved from the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Rom 8:1)
  2. Stage 2 – as we live out our relationship with Christ we are being saved from the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Phil 2:12,13)
  3. Stage 3 – when Jesus returns, He will save us from the very p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (complete restoration in spirit, soul, and body – 1Thess 5:23,24).
- D. The active presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives guarantees our complete salvation. How active is the Holy Spirit in our lives?
1. He t\_\_\_\_\_ you the things of God (IJn 2:27) – make sure you are in God's w\_\_\_\_\_
  2. He c\_\_\_\_\_ you of wrong-doing (Gal 5:17) - listen and immediately repent.
  3. He empowers you to overcome s\_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:16) - depend upon His power.
  4. He g\_\_\_\_\_ you (Rom 8:14) - don't let emotions, finances, etc guide you. Respond to His leading.
  5. He works through the special abilities that God has given you to b\_\_\_\_\_ up others in Christ (1 Cor 12:7). - Do not underestimate the value you have in this church.

### **Conclusion:**

1. As soon as you trusted Christ, the Holy Spirit started living inside you permanently just as Jesus p\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Holy Spirit's indwelling identifies you as b\_\_\_\_\_ to God.
3. The Holy Spirit's ongoing activity, whether it be positive or negative, is God's g\_\_\_\_\_ that He will give you your future salvation from the very presence of sin.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit!