

Acts
The Holy Spirit, Part 1
Various Passages

[Setup (Acts 2:1-21; Expectations/Parameters); Gromacki & Walvoord Quotes; Prayer]

I. Who He Is

A. God

1. Eternal
 - Agency in Creation (Gen 1:2); Salvation (Heb 9:14)
2. Divine (*of, relating to, or proceeding directly from God*)
 - Names Related to God's Person (Spirit of your **Father** - Matt 10:20; Spirit of **Christ** - Rom 8:9; **Directly Named God** - Acts 5:3-4)
 - Names Related to God's Attributes (**Holy** - Matt 28:19; **Life** - Rom 8:2; **Truth** - John 14:17; **Grace** - Heb 10:29)
 - Attributes (**All Knowing** - 1 Cor 2:10-11; **Everywhere Present** - Psalm 139:7-10; John 3:5; 1 Cor 6:19; **All Powerful** - Luke 1:35-37)
 - Personal qualities (**Thinks**, i.e., "mind of the Spirit" - Rom 8:27; **Feels**, i.e., "grieve the Holy Spirit" - Eph 4:30; **Decides/Wills**, i.e., "distributing to each one as He wills" - 1 Cor 12:11; **Relates**, i.e., trinitarian passages, in/to Christians)
 - Symbols/Ministry Motifs (Surrounds like **Clothing**, Guarantees like a **Deposit**, Descends like a **Dove**, Burns like a **Fire**, Anoints like **Oil**, Secures like a **Seal**, Serves like a **Servant**, Produces Fruit like a **Vine**, Refreshes like **Water**, Moves like a **Wind**)
 - "The Holy Spirit, however, is a spirit, a personal, eternal being. He is everywhere present; He has no physical properties." - Robert Gromacki

B. The Promised One

1. In the Old Testament
 - Creation (Present - Gen 1:2; Creator of Universe - Job 26:13; Creator of Humans - Job 33:4)
 - Empowering (Joseph - Gen 41:38; Moses - Num 11:17; Joshua - Num 27:18; Gideon - Jdg 6:34; Saul - 1 Sam 11:6; 16:14; David - 1 Sam 16:13; Micah - Mic 3:8)
 - Prophesied About (Jesus' Ministry - Isa 11:2; Protect Israel - Isa 59:21; Pour Out and Indwell - Ezk 36:27-28; 39:29; Joel 2:28ff)
2. By Jesus
 - Salvation (John 3:5-8; 7:37-39)
 - Functions/Ministries (Upper Room Discourse in John 13-17; Sent, Indwell, Teach, Glorify Jesus Christ, Convict)
 - Final Words (Orders - Acts 1:2; Empowerment - Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; Commission - Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19-20)

C. Indwelling Christians Today

1. Acts 2 Forward (Spread of Christianity thru grid of Acts 1:8)
 - Samaritans - 8; Paul - 9; Gentiles - 10-11; Disciples of John the Baptist - 19
2. Empowering for our Commission

II. Calls to Walk in Obedience

- Because the Holy Spirit is the eternal Almighty God, we are called to worshipful awareness, reverence and awe of Him.
- Because the Holy Spirit is fully God, we are called to live under His power and direction.
- Because the Holy Spirit is in us, we are called to live in relationship with Him.
- Because the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ, we are called to keep in step with Him to that end.

Go Forward

1. Pray through each of the *Calls to Walk in Obedience* we covered today. (If you need a refresher, see sermon slides at <http://www.fbctulsa.org/folders.asp?action=display&record=77>). Answer the following questions for each one:

- Am I willing to obey it?
- Will I choose to obey it?
- If *no* to either question above, what is it in my heart that is keeping me from saying yes?

Read through Philippians 3 after you've gone through the three questions above for each item. Think of the chapter as a definition of your starting point...where you are today in relation to each one of the calls. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live and walk according to Philippians 3, and to say yes to all of the *Calls to Walk in Obedience*.

2. For further encouragement, direction and preparation for next week, meditate upon the following passages:

- Romans 8
- Galatians 5:16-26
- Philippians 2:12-13

The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14)

For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. (Matthew 10:20)

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Romans 8:9)

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." (Acts 5:3-4)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.... (Matthew 28:19)

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:2)

...that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. (John 14:17)

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:29)

...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. (Ephesians 1:17 NASB)

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me. (Psalms 139:7-10)

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:35-37)

...and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:27)

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent. (Job 26:13)

The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)

Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?" (Genesis 41:38)

Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone. (Numbers 11:17)

So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.... (Numbers 27:18)

So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him. (Judges 6:34)

Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and he became very angry. (1 Samuel 11:6)

Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. (1 Samuel 16:14)

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. (1 Samuel 16:13)

On the other hand I am filled with power- With the Spirit of the LORD - And with justice and courage To make known to Jacob his rebellious act, Even to Israel his sin. (Micah 3:8)

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:2)

"As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever." (Isaiah 59:21)

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:27-28)

I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 39:29)

It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls. (Joel 2:28-32)

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:5-8)

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 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. (John 7:37-39)

...until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. (Acts 1:2)

And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)

Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Acts 1:4-5)

...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." (Acts 1:8)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)