

## **The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

*John 14:15-18*

### **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

- 1) The Third Person of the Trinity.
- 2) Sent by Jesus from the Father (John 15:26)
- 3) God's presence
- 4) Convicts us (John 16:8-11):
  - a) of sin
  - b) of righteousness
  - c) of judgment
- 5) Guides us into all truth (John 16:12)
- 6) Glorifies Christ (16:14)

### **What does the Holy Spirit do?**

- 1) Saves
- 2) Sanctifies
- 3) Empowers for holy living (Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:23; Eph. 5:18)

### **Why should I be filled with the Spirit?**

- 1) It is God's will and goal for us.
- 2) We know Jesus better through the Spirit (John 16:15):
  - a) We have Power over sin
  - b) We have Power to bear witness
  - c) We have Power to bear fruit
- 3) We can bear witness in the world through the Spirit (Acts 1:8).
- 4) We can be sanctified completely and find victory over sin.
- 5) We will be empowered to live as God wants us to
  - a) Transformed into the likeness of Christ
  - b) Bearing the fruit of righteousness

### **How do I know I have been filled with the Spirit?**

The inner witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16)

### **How do I let the Holy Spirit in my life?**

- 1) **Be Awakened**
- 2) **Be Convicted**
- 3) **Repent**
- 4) **Be Sanctified Completely**
- 5) **Walk in the Light**

Conditions that must prevail before we know the Holy Spirit in His sanctifying power (Dr. William Greathouse):

1. **I must be in a state of conscious acceptance with God before I can be filled with the Spirit.**
2. **Only those with an intense spiritual thirst are filled with the Spirit.**
3. **I must be fully surrendered and abandoned to the will of God.**
4. **I must appropriate the Holy Spirit by faith.**

What do we believe in?

- a) God has promised us in the Bible that He will give us His Holy Spirit.
- b) Believe that what God has promised, He can and will do.
- c) Expect God to act now.

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