

Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit

- *These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Jn 14:25-26*
- Directly to the apostles
- Yet also to us by their writings.
- Nothing lost.

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- *I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. Jn 16:12-15*
- What He did directly for them has been placed eternally into God's Word.
- He does exactly the same thing for us.
- Takes more faith, but results are the same.

The Transition

- *how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: Eph 3:3-6*
- Exactly what they received by inspiration we now receive by reading.
- But we have to make the connection.

An Important Point about Inspiration

- Moses struck the rock in anger and spoke unadvisedly with his lips. Num 20:8-12; Ps 106:32-33
- Saul brought back the best. I Sam 15
- David's adultery & murder 2 Sam 11
- Solomon's forbidden wives turned his heart. I Kings 11
- Elijah & Jeremiah became discouraged I K 19; Jer 15:16-21

Inspiration – Revealed it the 1st Time

- Jonah fled to Tarshish, angered at God's mercy. Jonah 1: 4
- Judas betrayed Jesus and hung himself. Mt 27:3-6; Acts 1
- Peter was led away with hypocrisy. Gal 2:11-14
- Paul warned the prophets at Corinth that his writings were the commandments of the Lord. I Cor 14:37

Inspiration – Revealed it the 1st Time

- *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things 1 Peter 1:10-12*
- Only gave them the truth just like it does to us.
- No greater understanding or insight.

After all these years ... Still Perfect

- 1 Pet 1:22-25
- obey the truth through the Spirit
- not of corruptible seed but incorruptible
- word of God which lives and abides forever,
- the word of the Lord endures forever.
- this is the word which was preached to you.
- The key is always making the application that it is Holy Spirit that makes these things so.
- Without the Holy Spirit it is just another book

The Spirit Working thru His Word

- *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. 1Th 2:13-14*

The Other Comforter at Work

- *that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:15-17*

Inspiration still in the Word

- Inspiration places God's word for the first time into the minds of man. It still had to be applied and obeyed.
- Those who received God's word in the first century were in no better position than we are today. Miracles /inspiration that were in earthen vessels, now in the Word.

Without the Word ... No Faith

- The 10 plagues, red sea, manna, Mt Sinai were not enough to keep Israel from making a golden calf.
- Jesus miracles & resurrection not enough to bring most of Israel to repent.
- Yet multitudes today who never saw 10 plagues, Red Sea, Mt Sinai or any of Jesus miracles get greater benefits from all these signs than those who lived to see them. What is the key ingredient?
- Heb 4:1-2 no faith in those who heard.

The Choice Never Varied

- Beginning in the garden of Eden and continuing unbroken.
- We have God's word (Holy Spirit leading, guiding, directing)
- AND we have our own desires
- This was Eve's choice in the garden
- Cain's as he prepared to worship.
- Noah as he made the ark.

Same choice today

- In the New Covenant the Holy Spirit offers the same choice to each of us.
- We can follow our inclinations or walking by faith.
- *We walk by faith... not by sight* 2 Cor 5:17
- *We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.* 1Jn 4:6

This is our Guarantee

- *who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a **guarantee**. 2 Cor 1:22*
- *Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a **guarantee**. 2 Cor 5:5*
- *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Eph 1:13-14*

God gave each of us the Holy Spirit

- Every proof in the Scripture given by the Holy Spirit.
- All the prophecies given the by Holy Spirit
- All the miracles given by the Holy Spirit
- All inspiration given by the Holy Spirit.
- Everything we have done and have become all because of the work of the Holy Spirit
- We bear the fruits of the Spirit.
- He is our down payment and our guarantee

- God is ever present in the creation
- Jesus is ever present in redemption and the church
- Holy Spirit is ever present in the Word
- By faith we feel that presence and are drawn ever nearer to them.