

The Promised Gift of the Father - Pt 2



Introduction

The Holy Spirit is the “promised gift of the Father” Let’s look at the historical significance of this promise, and trace the journey of God’s Spirit from creation to restoration.

Point 1: Connection and Disconnection

- Creation of humanity and God’s connection through His Spirit (Genesis 2:7)
- The fall of humanity (Genesis 3)
- Up until the Flood - Separation from God's life source, but God’s Spirit was still living with and “striving” with men (Gen 6:3)

Point 2: Up until Jesus

- Covenants and promises (Isaiah 11:1-2, Isaiah 61:1-2)
- Spiritual laws
- Selective anointing of specific individuals

Point 3: Jesus and the Holy Spirit

- Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3)
- Jesus' promises about the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39, John 14)
- On the first day of Jesus’ resurrection - “receive the Spirit” (John 20:22)
- Pentecost and beyond - The Samaritans, Cornelius, at Ephesus.

Conclusion: Practical Life Applications

- Ask - Luke 11:11-13
- Believe - Gal 3:2-6
- Commence - We must step out in faith and act on our belief that we have been filled. Speak and act as if you have received.

Questions

1. Have you ever felt disconnected from God? Can you share a moment when you felt spiritually "unplugged" and what it was like?
2. What does it mean to you to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"? How might that look different from just being a believer?
3. If the Holy Spirit is a gift that anyone can receive simply by asking, why do you think some people might be hesitant to ask or receive it?

List of Verses used in this talk

Joel 2:28-29 & Act 2:16-18 - God's promise of the Spirit quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost to explain what was happening.

Gen 2:7 - "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

1Th 5:23 - we are made up of spirit, soul, and body

Gen 5:24 - "Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

Gen 6:5 - "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Gen 6:3 - "And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.""

Rom 7:14 - the law is spiritual

Num 11:16-17, 25, 29 - God takes of the Spirit on Moses and gives it to the 70 elders.

Num 27:18 - Joshua had the Spirit

Jdg 3:10, Jdg 6:34 - the judges had the Spirit

(of King Saul) - 1Sa 10:6 - "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man." 1Sa 19:23-24 - "So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?""

Isa 11:1-2 - "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD."

Isa 61:1 - "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;"

Mat 3:16-17 - "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."" Jhn 1:32-33 - "And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'"

Jhn 7:37-39 "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Jhn 14:16-18 - "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

Luk 9:1-2 "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Phl 1:19 - the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Christ,"

Jhn 20:20-22 "When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Luk 24:49 NKJV - "49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.""

Act 2:1-39 - the Day of Pentecost

Act 8:12-22 - Philip in Samaria

Act 10:44-46 - Peter at Cornelius' house

Act 19:1-2, 6 - Paul in Ephesus

Act 18:25 - Apollos' disciples had been taught about Jesus accurately.

Eph 5:18 Paul tells Christians to be "filled with the Spirit,"

Act 6:3 - "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;"

Act 2:39 - "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.""

Jhn 1:12 - "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"