

## Reconnecting with the Holy Spirit

**Titles of the Holy Spirit** -- Helper, comforter, Eternal Spirit, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Power, Spirit of Adoption, Spirit of Son-ship, Spirit of Christ

Titles are important because they reveal

- A person's identity
- Are the basis for relationship
- Define expectations

### The Holy Spirit is a person

- Like every person He has many aspect, many attributes
- In fact I could probably spend the rest of my life teaching on the Holy Spirit
- Every aspect of the Holy Spirit is good, but not every aspect is easy
- Every aspect of the Holy Spirit is right, but not every aspect is nice
- It wouldn't be fair to "skip over" some of the more intense or demanding aspects of His nature – so as we proceed this morning let's keep in mind
- **Romans 8:1-2 NKJV** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
  - In this verse we find another title for the Holy Spirit – "Spirit of life"
  - It is the Spirit of Life we receive through Christ that makes us free from sin and death
  - And with this Spirit there is "no condemnation"
    - The Holy Spirit purpose is NEVER to "put you down"
    - His purpose is never to pronounce damnation, or condemnation – quite the opposite, His goal is to free us from judgment
    - Nevertheless the Holy Spirit does use conviction
    - **John 16:7-11 NKJV** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
    - Conviction,
      - Means to "be convinced"
      - "To bring to light, to expose"
      - It includes being convinced through reason, through emotion, through consequences; through intervention, frankly the Holy Spirit will use whatever means that He thinks will get through our sometimes thick skulls...
    - A big part of what the Holy Spirit does is conviction, and bringing to light and exposing issues FOR THE PURPOSE of setting us FREE!

### Spirit of Judgment ...

**Isaiah 4:1-6 NKJV** In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped. 3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called

holy everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. 4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, 5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. 6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

### **New Testament References...**

**Matthew 3:11** NKJV I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Acts 2:1-4** NKJV When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### **The Purpose of the “fire” of the Holy Spirit...**

**Malachi 3:1-6** NKJV "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. 4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. 5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts. 6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

- **Mal 3:3 - sit**--The purifier sits before the crucible, fixing his eye on the metal, and taking care that the fire be not too hot, and keeping the metal in, only until he knows the dross to be completely removed by his seeing his own image reflected ([Rom 8:29](#)) in the glowing mass. So the Lord in the case of His elect ([Job 23:10](#); [Psa 66:10](#); [Pro 17:3](#); [Isa 48:10](#); [Heb 12:10](#); [1Pe 1:7](#)). He will sit down to the work, not perfunctorily, but with patient love and unflinching justice. The Angel of the Covenant, as in leading His people out of Egypt by the pillar of cloud and fire, has an aspect of terror to His foes, of love to His friends. The same separating process goes on in the world as in each Christian. When the godly are completely separated from the ungodly, the world will end. When the dross is taken from the gold of the Christian, he will be for ever delivered from the furnace of trial. The purer the gold, the hotter the fire now; the whiter the garment, the harder the washing [MOORE].
- The Holy Spirit's purpose is always to bring about our best, He sees in us the pure gold and silver, and He is able and willing to labor to refine us.
- At times this can become uncomfortable, but as we TRUST in Him, we can entrust our lives to His work in us.

## Spirit of Grace

**Zechariah 12:10** NKJV "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- You cannot speak of the Holy Spirit's role as the "Spirit of Judgment" without also speaking of Him as the Spirit of Grace.
- And it's absolutely vital to remember that all of the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us into conviction flows out of Grace
  - Grace: "*graciousness*, that is, subjectively (*kindness, favor*) or objectively (*beauty*): - favour, grace (-ious), pleasant, precious, [well-] favoured.
  - Webster's: the free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from him ... Favorable influence of God; divine influence or the influence of the spirit, in renewing the heart and restraining from sin. ... A state of reconciliation to God.
  - It is because we have ALREADY received "free unmerited love and favor of God" that the Holy Spirit is at work in us to refine us and make us pure and presentable, a bride without spot or blemish
  - It is because He finds us "beautiful, pleasant, precious and well-favored" that He is as work in our life.
- **We need to live in the Spirit of Grace**
  - The more we live in the Spirit of Grace, the less the Spirit of judgment and fire need to be active in our lives
  - Listen, we will eternally live in Grace
  - It is God's will that much, most – NEARLY ALL of our day to day lives be filled with the Spirit of Grace!
  - If you want to be free from sin, or the consequences of sin – LIVE IN GRACE!!!
    - Actively engage in Grace
    - Actively engage in living with "a renewed heart, restrained from sin and IN a state of reconciliation to God"
    - Actively engage in living in God's "kindness, favor and beauty"
    - Seek it out, embrace it and share it
    - God's "kindness, favor and beauty" are magnetic
      - The more of it you have, the more you attract
      - The more you give, the more you get
      - The more Grace you pour out on other, the more God pours out on you
      - The greater your capacity is to live in His Grace the greater your capacity for it will become.
      - Choose GRACE, choose favor – realize it may cost you some time in the refiner's fire to get more – but realize it is worth it!