

Week 6: Pneumatology – The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

VI. The Person of the Holy Spirit

A. The Nature of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a Person (Acts 15:28, Eph 4:30/Is 63:10, Rom 8:15-16, 26-27)
2. The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4, Mt 28:18-20, 2 Cor 13:14, Rom 8:9-11, Ps 139:7-10, 1 Cor 2:10, Lk 1:35, Heb 9:14)

Q: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A: That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son...

- New City Catechism

B. The Holy Spirit in the Godhead (Jn 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

- Nicene Creed

The union between the Father and the Son is such a live concrete thing that this union itself is also a Person. I know this is almost inconceivable, but look at it thus. You know that among human beings, when they get together in a family, or a club, or a trade union, people talk about the 'spirit' of that family, or club, or trade union. They talk about its 'spirit' because the individual members, when they are together, do really develop particular ways of talking and behaving which they would not have if they were apart. It is as if a sort of communal personality came into existence. Of course, it is not a real person: it is only rather like a person. But that is just one of the differences between God and us. What grows out of the joint life of the Father and Son is a real Person, is in fact the Third of the three Persons who are God.

- C.S. Lewis

VII. The Purpose & Mission of the Holy Spirit

A. The Old and New Covenants

1. In the Old Covenant
2. In the New Covenant
3. Key differences

B. Baptism & Being Filled with The Spirit

1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Mt 3:11/Mk 1:8/Lk 3:16/Jn 1:34, Acts 1:5, 1 Cor 12:13)
2. Receiving the Spirit (Acts 1:8, 8:15-19, Acts 10:47)
3. Being filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31; Eph 5:18 [cf. 3:19])
4. Other terms

C. Creation/Regeneration (Gen 1:2, Jn 3:3-8, Tit 3:5, 1 Cor 6:11)

D. Sanctification (2 Thes 2:13, 1 Pet 1:2, Rom 15:16, 1 Cor 6:11)

E. Revelation (Eph 1:16-20, 1 Cor 2:11-13)

F. Equipping/Empowering (Eph 3:14-19, 1 Cor 12:11)

G. The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:16-24, Rom 7:4-6 [cf. Rom 8:5-8, 12-17])

VIII. The Gifts of the Spirit

A. Types of Gifts

1. People (Eph 4:11-12, 1 Cor 12:28)
2. Long-term abilities
3. Short-term tasks & the ability to do them
 - Note: abilities don't seem to be distinguished anywhere by 'natural' vs. 'supernatural', 'signed' vs. 'unsigned', or 'ordinary' vs. 'miraculous'

B. Purpose

1. Edification (1 Cor 1:5-7, 12:7, 14:3-5; Eph 4:11-12, 1 Pet 4:10-11)
2. Empowering (Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 12:6-7, 11)
3. Purification (1 Cor 14:24-25)
4. Unification (1 Cor 12:12-13, 22-25; Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:13)
5. Glorification of God (1 Pet 4:11, 1 Cor 10:23 & 31)

C. Specific gifts (See Chart Below)

1. Comparing different lists of gifts
2. Conclusions from passages about different gifts

IX. Conclusions

- A. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, fully God, of the same essence and having the same nature as the Father and the Son, yet He is not the Father and not the Son
- B. The Holy Spirit has been given to the people of God under the terms of the New Covenant, fulfilling now initially the promises given to Israel in the Old Covenant, which will be fulfilled finally in the New Heaven and Earth

- C. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers from the moment they come to God in faith, and He fundamentally changes who they are, regenerating them (bringing them to be born again, circumcising their hearts, etc.), and setting them apart to God as holy, while making them holy through the process of sanctification.
- D. The Holy Spirit powerfully manifests Himself in His people, indwelling them as the temple of God, giving them all that they need to live a holy and peaceful life, including specific gifts to accomplish God's purpose and further His kingdom.

Specific Lists of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

	1 Cor 12:28	1 Cor 12:8-10	Eph 4:11	Rom 12:6-8	1 Cor 7:7	1 Pet 4:11
1	Apostle		Apostle			
2	Prophet	Prophecy	Prophet	Prophecy		
3	Teacher		Teacher	Teaching		
4	Miracles	Miracles				
5	Healings (kinds)	Healing (gifts)				
6	Helps					
7	Administration					
8	Tongues	Tongues				
9		Word of Wisdom				
10		Word of Knowledge				
11		Faith (cf. Rom 12:3)				
12		Discerning spirits				
13		Interpretation of Tongues				
14			Evangelist			
15			Shepherd/Teacher			
16				Serving		
17				Encouraging		
18				Contributing		
19				Leadership		
20				Mercy		
21					Marriage	
22					Celibacy	
						Whoever speaks
						Whoever serves