



PNEUMATOLOGY: PART 1

Holy Spirit

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Misrepresentations of the Holy Spirit

LACK OF BIBLICAL TEACHING

- His Divinity is neglected.
- His Personhood is forgotten.
- False teachers attribute their trickery to Him.
- Otherwise faithful teachers fear to acknowledge Him.





Truth 1: Deity of the Holy Spirit

- He is Creator (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 33:6).
- He moves the Prophets to Write God's Word (2 Peter 1:21).
- We are temples of God, because the Holy Spirit dwells in us (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- Spiritual birth is "of the Spirit" (John 3:5).
- Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God. (Acts 5)
- He is personal, not a mere force.
 - He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30).
 - He has a will (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).
 - He has a mind (1 Corinthians 2:10).
 - He has fellowship with us (2 Corinthians 13:14).



Truth 2: Personhood of the Holy Spirit

- He can be grieved (Acts 5:3)
- He speaks in articulate phrases (Acts 10:19-21)
- He can be insulted (Hebrews 10:29)
- Masculine He pronouns are used to refer to him (John 15:26; 16:13-14)
- He can be sinned against (Isaiah 63:10)
- He can be honored (Psalm 51:11)
- His work reveals His personhood (creation, teaching, etc.)
- His attributes reveal His personhood (volition, life, etc.)
- He is a member of the Trinity and thus has Personhood

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Dove: (Mark 1:10, cf. Matthew 3:16, Luke 3:22, and John 1:32)

Fire: (Acts 2:3, Ex. 3:2, Ex.13:21) seems to indicate the power of the Holy Spirit

Wind: (Acts 2:2) notably, the Hebrew word for “spirit” may be translated “wind” and the Greek word can be translated “breath.”

Water: (Jn 19:34; 1 Jn 5:8) Notably, there are multiple references of “living water” in Scripture (cf. Jn 4:10-14; 7:38; Ex 17:1-6; Isa 55:1; Zech 14:8; 1 Cor 10:4; Rev 21:6; 22:17)

Cloud: God leads the Children of Israel in the wilderness by a pillar of cloud (Ex. 16:10).

Anointing with Oil: (Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:20-27)

Seal: Different than a representation of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit on a person is the seal referenced as a seal on the believer much like a king seals an official document. (Song of Solomon 8:6; John 6:27)



Holy Spirit's Activity in the Old Testament

MINISTRY TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS

- Joseph (Gen. 41:38), Joshua (Num. 27:18)
- Daniel (Dan. 4:8; 5:11-14; 6:3)

SPECIAL EQUIPPING FOR THEOCRATIC FUNCTIONS

- He “came upon” people like judges, prophets, and Kings. (Num. 24:2; Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 1 Sam. 10:10; 16:13; 2 Chron. 15:1).
- He “filled” Bezalel to build the temple. (Ex. 31:3; 35:31).

COMING ON GROUPS OF PEOPLE

- Builders of the Tabernacle—Ex. 31:1ff
- Moses, Joshua, and the 70 Elders—Num. 11:17 ff.; 27:18
- Judges—Judges 6:34; 11:29; 14:6, 19
- Kings—I Sam. 10:6; 16:13
- Prophets—Num. 11:26 ff.; Hos 9:7
- People (Zechariah 4:6ff)



Man's Problem: Sin Nature

JEREMIAH 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

ISAIAH 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

ECCLESIASTES 7:20

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who
continually does good and who never sins.



Israel's Problem: Breaking Covenant

ISRAEL FAILED TO KEEP THE LAW

They continually failed and faced judgement for their rebellion against God. They needed a Redeemer and a way to obey God.

ISRAEL WAS SUPPOSED TO BLESS THE NATIONS

they continually sinned with other nations, and God used the nations to punish Israel. God's promise to bless the nations through Abraham's seed was not yet fulfilled.

ISRAEL BROKE THE COVENANT

Having violated the Law of God and broken the terms of the covenant, Israel faced judgement. A new covenant was needed.



Old Testament Prophecies

REGARDING THE NEW COVENANT WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The Holy Spirit will be poured out upon Israel—Ezekiel 39:29; Is. 44:3
- The Holy Spirit will remain forever—Isaiah 59:21
- The Holy Spirit will rest on the Messiah, the Mediator of the New Covenant of the Spirit—II Cor. 3:6; Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1
- The Holy Spirit will regenerate the heart—Ezekiel 37:14; 36:26-27, which is the fulfillment of the law in man—Jer. 31:33; cf. Rom. 8:4
- The Holy Spirit will be poured out on all flesh—Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17)

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Promise:

The New Covenant:

- The Law of God in His People, written on their hearts.
- Intimacy with God
- Forgiveness for and cleansing from sin.



22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

EZEKIEL 36:22-24

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

EZEKIEL 36:25-27

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- The Law of God in His People, written on their hearts.
- Intimacy with God
- Forgiveness for and cleansing from sin.
- The Spirit of God in His People.
- Result: Obedience



Principle 1:
The Holy Spirit's
Indwelling Will
Result in Obedience
to God's Commands

...wounded for our
... He was bruised for
... the chastisement for
... upon Him, and by His
... healed.
... sheep have gone
... turned, every one,
... and the LORD has
... iniquity of us all.
... He was
... He opened not His
... as a lamb to the
... as a sheep before the
... the righteous and

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

JOHN 3:1-8

The New Covenant

Holy Spirit Indwelling



“Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as **yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**” -John 7:39

“even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.**” -John 14:17

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**” 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”

ACTS 1:1-8

Principle 2: The Holy Spirit's Indwelling Will Result in Proclaiming the Gospel

This proclamation should be
a part of reaching the nations.



When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—**we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.**” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

ACTS 2:1-13

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,**
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,
 “The Lord said to my Lord,
 “Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”
36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
38 And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



Fruits of the Spirit

Holy Spirit Indwelling
Results in Christlike Living

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.** 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

GALATIANS 5:16-24