

**THE GIVER AND THE GIFTS**  
**WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES IN THE CHRISTIAN AND IN THE CHURCH**  
**Session 1: The Broad Work of the Holy Spirit**

Four parts to this class:

- 1. The Broad Work of the Holy Spirit**
- 2. The Spiritual Gifts**
- 3. Prophecy and the Gift of Tongues**
- 4. Healing and Ministry to the Sick**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

The **presence** of the Holy Spirit with God's people:

Exodus 31:2-5

Ezekiel 2:1-2, many more like this in Ezekiel

Daniel 4:18

1 Samuel 16:13

The **promise** of different and greater experience of the Holy Spirit:

Isaiah 44:3

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Joel 2:28-29

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Matthew 1:18,20. See also Luke 1:35

Matthew 3:16 ESV, also Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32

Acts 2:1-4

**VIEWS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK TODAY****BROAD WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.”<sup>1</sup>

**1. Regeneration**

“Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us.”<sup>2</sup>

Ezekiel 36:26-27

John 3:3-8

“I know very well when, but hardly how, the final step was taken. I was driven to Whipsnade one sunny morning. When we set out I did not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and when we reached zoo, I did. Yet I had not exactly spent the journey in thought. Nor in great emotion.”<sup>3</sup>

**2. Illumination**

Psalm 119:18

Ezekiel 40:4

1 Corinthians 2:12-15

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<sup>1</sup> Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 634.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, 699.

<sup>3</sup> C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*, 237.

### 3. Sanctification

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”<sup>4</sup>

Galatians 5:16

Galatians 5:22-23

2 Thessalonians 2:13

### 4. Spiritual gifts

“As we focus here on the Holy Spirit, we shine the spotlight on the one who does not seek or desire to be the center of attention... In creation, redemption, and consummation, he willingly accepts the role of supporter, helper, sustainer, and equipper, and in all these respects he forsakes the spotlight.”<sup>5</sup>

“Though the Holy Spirit is God, equal in essence to the Father and the Son, yet his role is consistently to defer honor, to seek to bring about the glory of another. Imagine that. It is *always* the role of the Spirit to bring honor to the Son, to the ultimate glory of the Father. Do you think there might be a lesson in this for us?”<sup>6</sup>

## APPLICATION

## FOR FURTHER READING

Wayne Grudem: *Systematic Theology*. Chapters 30, 52, and 53.

Wayne Grudem: *Bible Doctrine*. Chapters 29 and 30.

**FOR NEXT WEEK: Please read 1 Corinthians 12-13.**

<sup>4</sup> Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 746.

<sup>5</sup> Bruce Ware, *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*, 104.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*, 127-128.