

The Results of the Holy Spirit's Working – 12/12/21

TEXT- Acts 2:1-6 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound*

INTRO –The most misrepresented and misunderstood members of the trinity is the Holy Spirit. Many times, he is blamed for things that he has absolutely nothing to do with. However, because the Holy Spirit is such an essential part of our Christian walk, it makes sense to really understand who he is and how he operates.

The Holy Spirit is God. Co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existing with God the Father and God the Son or Jesus.

The Activities of the Spirit

1. Creating

Gen 1:2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

2. Revealing

God revealed Himself to us through His Spirit, who spoke through the prophets, Moses through the Spirit of God revealed God's will to Israel (Numbers 11:17), the people through whom God would work Redemption for all humanity.

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

Without being aware of our condition, our need for redemption, and the provision for salvation, we would remain in the lost state. Just having the word of God is not enough, we are still blind without the Holy Spirit's light. The Holy Spirit leads a lost person to redemption, the Holy Spirit reveals the light, and leads us to it, so we can understand the Word.

3. Redeeming

Before we can be redeemed, we need to know we need redemption. The problem for many, who rely on their own works, is they have a false sense of security. They don't see their need of redemption, as far as they are concerned, they are not lost.

The Pharisees illustrate this point, being lost and not knowing it, since they relied on their own works and self-righteousness, they saw no need of redemption. Contrast this to the tax collectors and harlots; they knew they were lost, because their works did not blind them.

4. Indwelling

Once we realize we are lost, and need redemption, the Holy Spirit leads us to repentance, and salvation. Then the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our bodies

5. Transforming

When the Holy Spirit dwells in us, why are there different results with different people? After all isn't God's Spirit one? How can some people have remarkable transformations, while others struggle?

6. Filling

The result of the transformed life, which is yielded to the Holy Spirit is a "Spirit filled" life.

7. Overcoming

8. Gifting

The Holy Spirit also equips the believer, giving each of us our own gifts, so we can accomplish the Lord's work.

9. Sending

Before Jesus was taken into Heaven, he told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would give them power to "witness"

10. Glorifying

I. The Power to Save Souls

A. 3000 saved

Acts 2:41 *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

B. Aquila and Priscilla saved

Acts 18:26 *And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

C. Ephesians saved

Acts 19:4-8 *Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve. 8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.*

II. The Power to Lead Us

Acts 16:9-10 *And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*

2 Co 8:5 *And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*

Eph 6:6 *Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*

1 Pe 4:2 *That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*

Gen 24:27 *And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.*

Rom 8:26-27 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

III. The Power to Keep Us

2 Co 1:22 *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Eph 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Σφραγιζω *sfrag-id'-zo*

to *stamp* (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation by implication to *keep secret*, to *attest*: - seal up, stop.

IV. The Power to Face Persecution and even Martyrdom

Act 6:8 *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*

Act 7:55 *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,*

Acts 9:29 *And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.*

The whip's three cords struck thirty times by the executioner on the back of Obadiah Holmes. According to witnesses, Obadiah did not groan or scream. Instead, he preached to the crowd. When the whipping was over, he said, "You have struck me as with roses."

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