

- I. The Presence of the Holy Spirit
 - A. The Holy Spirit applies God's salvation to us (Titus 3:5-6)
 - B. Unconditional: all believers receive the Holy Spirit.

- II. The Help of the Holy Spirit
 - A. "If anyone keeps my word."
 - B. Given to those who ask (Luke 11:13; John 3:34)
 - C. Taken away through unrepentant sin (Psalm 51:10-11; also Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:7; visible presence or absence of the Spirit: Genesis 15; Exodus 3; 13-14; 33; Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32; Acts 2; 1 Samuel 4:21)
 - D. The Holy Spirit makes "the reality of redemption ... both present and authoritative." (Oliver O'Donovan)

- III. Obedience and the Experience of the Spirit
 - A. The *sending* of the Spirit "forever" comes to the whole church
 - B. Our experience of the Spirit's presence *increases as we seek to obey the word of Christ.*

- IV. The Testimony of the Spirit
 - A. The Spirit teaches (verses 17, 20; also John 1:38-39)
 - B. The Spirit gives peace (verse 27)
 - C. The Spirit makes Christ real to us (verses 18, 20, 21)

- V. The Spirit and Sanctification
 - A. The problem of sinful habit
 - B. The Re-Maker of habits (see Psalm 16:8; Isaiah 30:19-22)
 - C. Three concluding notes
 - 1. Listen to the Spirit of God
 - 2. The Spirit occupies space that the Devil would like to have (see 1 Timothy 3:6-7; Ephesians 4:26-27; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5)
 - 3. You are not alone (see Proverbs 14:10; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20)