Holy Spirit

Class 1 - The Coming Holy Spirit

John 14:16 NKJV “And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—”

What Jesus’ listeners already knew about the Holy Spirit from the Old Testament

The activity of The Spirit

1. The Spirit participated in creation Genesis 1:2
2. The Spirit empowered people Judges 6:34; 1 Samuel 16:13
3. The Spirit inspired prophetic speech 2 Samuel 23:2; Ezekiel 11:5
4. The Spirit gave wisdom and understanding Exodus 31:3; Isaiah 11:2
5. The Spirit instructed God's people Nehemiah 9:20
6. The Spirit could be grieved Isaiah 63:10
7. The Spirit guided God's people Isaiah 63:11–14

The Coming Outpouring

1. **Joel 2:28-29 NKJV** “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”
2. **Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJV** “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put **My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”
3. **Isaiah 44:3 NKJV** “For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;”

Why This Matters

John 14:17 NKJV “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but **you know Him, for He dwells with you** and **will be in you**.”

1. You Know him/He Dwells with you; The disciples knew the Holy Spirit as they had seen Jesus operate under the anointing of the Spirit. You can go back throughout history and see that the Holy Spirit is very much active amongst God’s people.

Lets look back at verse 16 as well…

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1. Jesus was confirming scripture they had heard before but was yet to be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit would now abide with us forever by coming into us.

As a side note let's compare the abiding presence of the Spirit under a people whom the Spirit did not continually abide.

Psalms 51:11-12 NKJV "Do not cast me away from Your presence, And **do not take Your Holy Spirit from me**. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

1. Do we need to pray this way under the new covenant? No, Jesus promised that he would abide with us forever. He isn't going anywhere.

Let's reference Ezekiel again…

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1. God promised us a new spirit, and then he would put his Spirit within us.

The New Covenant isn't the introduction of a new Spirit. It is the fulfillment of God's promises concerning His relationship with His people

A shadow of things to come…

Numbers 11:25-29 NKJV "Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, **when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.** 26 But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet **they prophesied in the camp**. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my Lord, forbid them!" 29 Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? **Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!**""

1. What was demonstrated in a few would become widely available to all. We know now that every one of us that have accepted Christ are now experiencing the indwelling, and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
2. We are also baptized by the Spirit (The Spirit Upon) by grace through faith.

Let's compare Joel's prophecy with what Peter said about it in Acts 2

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Right after Peter Quoted Joel he made this statement…

Acts 2:33 NKJV “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.**”

What Moses was so desirous of God has done under his new covenant with People that have been given a new spirit man, as well as the Holy Spirit himself

Just Like Jesus

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Another Defined: Greek word ἄλλος (allos), another, another of the same kind, another in addition to.

Jesus was telling his disciple that who he was is who the Holy Spirit was. The way that rowers on two sides of the boat do the same thing yet they are distinct and are both needed is a good way to compare Jesus with The Holy Spirit.