

# The Holy Spirit in Preachers and Preaching

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## I. Review

**A. There is liberty in the Spirit—The lust of the flesh fights against the Spirit**

**B. The fruit of the Spirit**

1. Love *Joh 3:16* *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...*
2. Joy *1Pe 1:8* *...joy unspeakable and full of glory:*
3. Peace *Php 4:7* *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding...*
4. Longsuffering *Luk 21:19* *In your patience possess ye your souls.*
5. Gentleness *Rom 3:12* *...there is none that doeth good (Gk.-gentleness), no, not one.*
6. Goodness *Mar 10:18* *...there is none good but one, that is, God.*
7. Faith *Heb 11:1* *...the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*
8. Meekness *Mat 5:39* *...smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other*
9. Temperance *Php 4:11* *...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am...to be content.*

**C. The Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) is God (1Jo 5:7)**

**D. The Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) [in that He is God] has attributes that only God has**

1. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent (everywhere always) (Psa 139:7)
2. The Holy Spirit is omniscient (knows everything about everything) (1Co 2:10)

3. The Holy spirit is omnipotent (has all power over all power) ((Luk 1: 35)
4. The Holy Spirit is eternal (without beginning or end) (Heb 9:14)
5. The Holy Spirit created (only God can create) ((Job 33:4)

**E. The works of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) are divine works of God**

1. The Holy Spirit regenerates—Gives the new birth—Causes ‘born again’ (Joh 3:8)
2. The Holy Spirit now dwells in us and will resurrect us (Rom 8:11)
3. The Holy Spirit inspired the word of God (2Pe 1:21)

**F. The works of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) are many**

1. The Holy Spirit gives God’s children God’s character traits (Gal 5:22-23)
2. The Holy Spirit teaches (Joh 14:26)
3. The Holy Spirit testifies (Rom 8:16)
4. The Holy Spirit convicts (Joh 16:8)
5. The Holy Spirit leads (Rom 8:14)
6. The Holy Spirit seals (Eph 1:13)
7. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to His children (1Co 12)
8. The Holy Spirit gives His children the the ability to pray to our Father (Rom 8:15)
9. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us in ‘groanings’ to God (Rom 8:26-27)
10. The Holy Spirit comforts us (Joh 14:16)
11. The Holy Spirit communes with us (2Co 13:14)
12. The Holy Spirit indwells us as His temple (1Co 6:19)
13. The Holy Spirit fills
  - a. It is still possible for people in the church to be filled with the Holy Ghost (Eph 5:18)
  - b. The promise that was received at Pentecost is still available today (Act 2:33, 38-39)

14. The Holy Spirit gives assurance (Rom 8)

15. The Holy Spirit gives the gift to speak in tongues and the rules for doing it (1Co 14)

## II. The work of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) in preaching and preachers

### A. The Holy Ghost inspired the Bible—But the time of Holy Ghost inspiration is past

**2Ti 3:16** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**2Ti 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**2Pe 1:20** ...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

**2Pe 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

### B. Though Holy Ghost inspiration is past—Holy Spirit illumination continues

**1Co 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; **that we might know** the things that are freely given to us of God.

**Eph 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of him:

**Eph 1:18** **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**Eph 1:19** And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe...

**Luk 24:32** And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us**, while he talked with us by the way, and **while he opened to us the scriptures?**

### C. In the old days, God spoke through the prophets—Jesus—And the apostles

**Exo 4:12** ...therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say

**Jer 1:9** ...And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

**Isa 50:4** The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*...

**Heb 1:1** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

**Heb 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son...

**Joh 14:26** ...the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said...

**Gal 1:11** ...the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

Gal 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### **D. The gift of preaching today—And the importance of the gift**

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles...and some, pastors and teachers;

Rom 10:15 And **how shall they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Amo 8:11 ...the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will send a famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but **of hearing the words of the LORD:**

Amo 8:12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

#### **E. The Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) can give power to preachers and preaching**

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in **the power of the Spirit** into Galilee...

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Act 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power**, and of love, and of a sound mind.

#### **F. The importance of preaching Jesus—In the power of the Holy Spirit**

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

#### **G. A church empowered by the Holy Ghost and the gospel**

1Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in **power**, and in the Holy Ghost...

1Th 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord...

1Th 2:13 ...also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

### III. How can preachers experience more of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost)?

#### A. Preachers (above all others) must not grieve or quench the Holy Spirit

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God...

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

#### B. Preach—In the Spirit—The truth—The word—The gospel of the grace of Christ

Joh 4:24 ...they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word...

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another...

#### C. Study is essential—Prayer is essential—Seek the balance

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

#### D. Preachers (and the church) should be asking God for the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost)

Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?