

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is responsible for convincing of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will **reprove (Elecho)** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

1.1 **Elegcho** means "to prove, to test, to convict, to convince, to detect, to lay bare" and here in John 16:8 it might better be "expose".

1.2 Vines in his lexicon has the following to say about this verb: ... **Elegcho**, "to convict, rebuke, reprove," is translated "to reprove" in Luk 3:19; Joh 3:20, ... the real meaning here is "exposed" ... Eph 5:11 and 13, where "to expose" is again the significance; in Joh 16:8, KJV, "Will reprove" ... 1Ti 5:20; Tit 2:15; Heb 12:5; Rev 3:19; for synonymous words see CONVICT and REBUKE.

2. The Holy Spirit is declared to be the agent of regeneration.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

3. The Holy Spirit is responsible for not only a regeneration but also a renewing i. e. the new birth or new creation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

3.1 The Greek word translated renewing is **Anakainosis** meaning to renovate.

3.2 We get a remodeled soul, it is something new and different.

3.3 Yes we are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

4. The Holy Spirit is Diety.

4.1 He is coequal, coeternal and coinfinite with the Father and the Son.

2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightaway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

4.2 The Holy Spirit is called Lord and Jehovah where Paul explains the glory of the Holy Spirit and Church Age doctrine over against the O.T. revelation given to Moses.

2Co 3:6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2Co 3:7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,

2Co 3:8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

2Co 3:9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

2Co 3:10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

2Co 3:11 And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

2Co 3:12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

2Co 3:13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away.

2Co 3:14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

2Co 3:15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

2Co 3:16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

4.2.1 These verses tell us why Moses wore a veil after being with God.

(a) It was so Israel could not see the fading glory and this fading glory in these passages is compared with the glory of the indwelling which we have today which does not fade.

(b) The rigidity of the Mosaic Law is compared unfavorably with the grace of God as revealed in Christ by the Holy Spirit.

(c) Israel today has a veil over their eyes because they like the rigidity of the Law.

(d) Notice however that whenever anyone turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

(e) Note in verse 17 that the Lord, an equivalent of Jehovah, is the Spirit and where the Spirit is there is liberty.

4.2.2 Compare Acts 28:23-28 with Isa 6:8-9.

Acts 28:23 They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. From morning till evening he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

Acts 28:24 Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe.

Acts 28:25 They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: **"The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet:**

Acts 28:26 "Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving."

Acts 28:27 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

Acts 28:28 "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

Compared with:

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the **voice of the Lord**, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isa 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

4.3 The Holy Spirit is sovereign as He bestows gifts to believers.

1Co 12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.....

1Co 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1Co 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

4.4 He is omniscient as He teaches doctrine to believers.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Also see Joh 16:13 and Joh 14:26

4.5 He is omnipotent as He participated in the restoration.

Gen 1:2 And the earth became useless and 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.

4.6 He is omnipresent as there is no place to go to escape Him.

Psa 139:7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Psa 139:8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, [Hebrew Sheol] you are there.

5. In the NT the Holy Spirit clearly reveals Himself through several anthropopathisms as a person and as Deity. He has the attributes of personality.

5.1 He has intellect:

Rom 8:27 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.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

5.2 He is said to have emotion:

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

5.3 He makes choices and therefore has will:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

5.4 He indwells every believer of the Church Age.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

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.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

1Jo 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

5.5 There is a difference between the indwelling and the filling. Eph 5:18 and 1Joh 1:9

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5.6 There is a difference between the indwelling of Christ and the Spirit. Col 1:27, Rom 8:10, Joh 14:20

Col 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

5.7 There is a difference between the indwelling of the Father and the Spirit.

John 17:11

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own Name and Reputation those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are."

1 John 4:15

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."

5.8 The purpose of the indwelling is to permit our functioning in time. Acts 1:8; 1Joh 2:27

Acts 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.

1Jo 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

5.9 There is a sealing ministry of the Spirit as He validates, authenticates and declares our divine ownership. 2Co 1:21-22

2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

5.10 At salvation the Holy Spirit baptizes each of us in Christ as an act of unification.
Eph 4:4-5; Gal 3:26-28

Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called--
Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

5.11 In summary then, at salvation the Holy Spirit does five things:

5.11.1 Regenerates

5.11.2 Seals

5.11.3 Provides Gifts

5.11.4 Indwells and Fills

5.11.5 Baptizes

6. Other Functions of the Holy Spirit:

6.1 Teaches:

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is 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 unto you.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

6.2 He testifies of Christ as a witness:

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall **testify** of me:

6.3 He directs:

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

6.4 He guides:

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

6.5 He warns:

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Acts 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Acts 21:4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

7. Accordingly, the works of God always involve all three persons of the Trinity.

7.1 It was the Triune God who created the world and who reveals Himself in it and by His word to man.

7.2 It was the Triune God who redeemed His people from their sin.

7.3 Even so, some of these works are specifically the special concern of the Holy Spirit.

7.4 The Holy Spirit brings about the consummation of the works of the Triune God.

8. In Creation

8.1 The Spirit hovered over the face of the deep (Gen 1:2), and by His Spirit God garnished the heavens (Job 26:13).

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

8.2 The Spirit gives life to men (Job 33:4).

Job 33:4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

8.3 He provides them with excellent gifts, both natural abilities and spiritual or charismatic powers (Exo 31:2-3; 1Co 12:8-11).

Exo 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

8.4 When men sin, He convicts and pleads with them to return to God.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

8.5 It is especially through the Spirit that the Triune God bears witness of Himself to men. Joh 16:8-10; 14:26; 16:13; 1Co 2:9-16.

9. In Revelation and Inspiration

9.1 The divine Author of God's revelation to mankind is the Holy Spirit.

9.2 The prophets and apostles, the human instruments, "spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit".

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.

9.3 It is clearly stated that OT prophets received the words of the Lord by His Spirit.

Zec 7:12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

Eze 2:2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Neh 9:30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

9.4 A comparison of Acts 28:25 with Isa 6:9-10 teaches that the Holy Spirit is the particular person of the Trinity who delivered God's revelation in words.

Acts 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

Acts 28:26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

Acts 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Isa 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

9.5 The Spirit of God is the One who inspired the Scriptures, i.e., taught the very words so that they are accurate, infallible, and authoritative.

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.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that He may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

9.6 Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach His apostles all things and bring to remembrance all that He had said to them.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is 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 unto you.

10. In Redemption, Regeneration, Inspiration and Facilitation.

10.1 In the period of OT revelation the Spirit prepared the people of God to yearn for their redemption through the coming Messiah.

10.2 He inspired Moses and the prophets to speak of the Coming One.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Num 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

10.3 He broke down the attitude of rebellion in the Israel of God when they refused to obey the word of promise.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Isa 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?

Isa 63:12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

Isa 63:13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

Isa 63:14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

Mic 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

10.4 He taught David, the sweet singer of Israel, and through him many others, to say: "...thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness".

Psa 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

10.5 In the period of NT revelation the Spirit was active before the beginning of the life of Jesus to the end.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit:

10.6 Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

10.7 The Spirit descended upon Christ at the time of His baptism.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightaway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

10.8 Then, being "full of the Holy Ghost" Jesus "was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Luk 4:1), The Spirit empowered and qualified the Messiah for His official task of destroying the kingdom of Satan and of establishing the kingdom of God.

10.9 Soon after His declaration of war against Satan, the Saviour "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

10.10 He read in the synagogue from the scroll of Isaiah about the coming Messiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." (Luk 4:18) and said: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luk 4:21).

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luk 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

10.11 He told Nicodemus that "except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God".

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

10.12 By the Spirit He cast out demons.

Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

10.13 Then when the Pharisees ascribed this cleansing work of the Spirit to Beelzebub, Jesus warned them not to sin against the Spirit lest they become like Satan and their sin could not be forgiven (Mat 12:31-32).

10.14 Jesus promised His disciples to pray to the Father that He would give them "another Comforter," "the Spirit of truth" (Joh 14:16-17).

10.15 By that Spirit the apostles would be enabled to perform their special task as teachers of the church (Joh 14:26).

10.16 When Jesus returns to glory, then the Spirit will enable the apostles to set forth the full significance of all that He had come to do for His people (Joh 16:13).

10.17 Sustained by the Spirit, Jesus had set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem.

10.17.1 As at the beginning, so at the end, Jesus resisted Satan's ever-present temptation to save His people and establish His Kingdom by means other than that of dying in their place for their sins.

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Mat 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Mat 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Mat 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

10.17.2 He knew the prophetic word:

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

10.17.3 He knew that "this day" this Scripture must be fulfilled in Him. Thus was our Saviour sustained by the Spirit in all of His redeeming work. Through the Spirit He could say: "It is finished" and could commend His spirit unto the Father.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

10.18 It was finished indeed. Jesus died but rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven. Now He is glorified. In accordance with His promise He did send forth His Spirit (Acts 2:3-4).

Acts 2:3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

10.19 Peter "wept bitterly" after his denial of Jesus. But from Pentecost on, filled with the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, utter victory came into his heart.

10.19.1 Now "filled with the Holy Spirit" as the "Spirit of truth," he saw the vision of "things to come."

10.19.2 Filled with the Holy Spirit, he boldly proclaimed that Jesus was not in the final analysis delivered unto death by the people, by the Pharisees, by Pilate, or even by Satan.

10.19.3 It was "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" that all was done. What the "wicked hands" of men had done was now defeated.

Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

10.19.4 It was impossible that He should be held by the pangs of death (2:24). David the prophet had said that his soul should not be left in hell and his flesh should not see corruption (Psa 16:10), and the Spirit taught Peter to interpret this individual as the risen Christ (Acts 2:25-36).

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Psa 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:...

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption...

Acts 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.....

Acts 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Acts 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

10.20 At Pentecost the church became the universal church.

10.20.1 Before leaving for heaven, Jesus said to the Twelve: "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 all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

10.21 With the coming of Pentecost, the church began its entry into a new age.

10.21.1 When Peter, who spoke at the occasion of Pentecost, explained how the Gentile Cornelius had turned to Christ in an absolutely convincing way, he said, "The Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15).

10.21.2 The wall of partition between Jew and Gentile was now finally removed and the unity of the Spirit was not only possible but should be preserved.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

10.22 In spite of persecution nothing can stop the people of God as they "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

10.22.1 With the early Christians they can pray and be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

10.22.2 With Peter they can say to the council, "We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him".

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.
Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

10.22.3 But by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit human minds are liberated and renewed in their attitudes. Compare the following Scriptures:

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

10.23 Therefore the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism is essential for men to be able to hear and receive the gospel.

10.24 Finally, Holy Spirit, rested upon Christ without measure and made Him to be the faithful witness of God.

Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Joh 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

11. When all is finished, the victory over Satan won, then "the Spirit and the bride say, Come" (Rev 22:17).

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.
And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.