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TRUTH



WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

WEEK 8: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

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KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1-2, 26a In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

26a Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness

Ezekiel 36:26 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Joel 2:28-29 28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Matthew 28:19 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

John 7:37-39 37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 14:16-18 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Acts 2:1-4a When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4-13 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another

prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Galatians 5:22-25 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

READ & REFLECT on the above Scriptures using the questions below:

- What do you notice about God in these passages?
- What does this teach us about “truth?”
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. The Holy Spirit is a divine, powerful person of the Trinity. We first see Him in Genesis 1:1-2. Then in Genesis 1: 26a, God says, “Let us make mankind....” Which points to more than one person within the Godhead. How does this verse help you see the Holy Spirit as a distinct person? (And note: John 1:1–14 shows that Jesus, too, is part of this “us” involved in creation.)
2. Throughout Scripture, God’s “breath” (ruach/pneuma) shows His powerful Spirit at work—creating in Genesis, empowering people in the Old Testament, and permanently filling believers in Acts 2. How does understanding this progression—from temporary empowering to permanent indwelling—shape the way you see the Holy Spirit’s role in your own life today? How have you seen the Holy Spirit equip you daily AND with special giftings which were not possible before you believed in Christ and decided to follow Him?
3. Is there a story in the New Testament that impresses you about a believer’s testimony that illustrates the Holy Spirit’s presence in their life?
4. What comfort do you have in knowing Christ sent the advocate to be permanently with you? What changes over time have you seen in yourself since you came to Christ and received the Holy Spirit?
5. How has your trust in God’s Word and faithfulness, as well as understanding and obedience to God been impacted because you have the gift of the Holy Spirit with you to guide you as you look to Him? How has your life focus and purpose changed?

RESET

What is one meaningful thing you can do this week because you've got the Holy Spirit residing within you?

CLOSING PRAYER

- **Thank God** for giving us the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide.
- **Invite group to pray** we'd rely on His power rather than our own strength – where in each person's life do they need this most?
- **Ask God** to fill us with His Spirit and boldness this week. Ask Him to help us yield to His best and direction for us.