

- I. Introduction
  - A. Neighbor Mei
  - B. God
    1. As revealed in Scripture, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit
    2. I don't claim to fully understand, but there is one God above all other gods who is responsible and sovereign over all creation seen and unseen and exists in three persons.
  - C. \*The Holy Spirit's (God the Spirit) primary role is carrying out the Kingdom mission through the people of God.
    1. We see this Spirit in the Old Testament, empowering the likes of Joseph, Betsaleel, and the prophets.
    2. We see the Spirit in the New Testament at the baptism of Jesus and indwelling the believer.
- II. The Holy Spirit (John 14 & 16)
  - A. Two statements from Jesus about us and the Kingdom
    1. The statements:
      - a. Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do.  
*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)*
      - b. It is to your advantage that I go away.  
*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. (John 16:7)*
    2. Why? Ascension and the Holy Spirit
      - a. Limit of the Incarnation
        - 1) Jesus limited by a physical body (presence and travel)
        - 2) The ascension was the point of completion for the work and mission of Jesus.
          - a) Prophetic: on Earth, Jesus was one prophet, but in Heaven, He has made His whole body prophets.
          - b) Priestly: on Earth, Jesus gave people peace through His words and actions, but in Heaven, He has given access to God, peace, and confidence to draw near to God.
          - c) Kingly: on Earth, Jesus was **designated** as King, but in Heaven, He was **installed** as King
    3. \*All the good that comes about is dependent on Jesus' "departure" and the coming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

- a. The Holy Spirit takes Jesus' role as prophet, priest, and King and expands it throughout the entire body of Christ. Jesus is above all and the Spirit indwells every believer which means the work and mission of Jesus is spread simultaneously to every single place the disciple of Jesus inhabits!
    - b. Remember that the Kingdom of God is the King's power over the King's people in the King's place.
  - 4. \*We tend to look at what Jesus said as individuals and earthly but Jesus said these things to His people as the head directs the body.
- B. Work of the Spirit
  - 1. John 14:15ff
    - a. Helper (Paraclete): a person called alongside another
      - 1) He is personal, powerful, protecting, and preserves the people of God.
      - 2) He convicts, comforts, counsels, and calls to holy living.
    - b. Another and forever (v 16)
      - 1) Another: Holy Spirit is to us what Jesus was to the disciples but better.
      - 2) Forever: does not come and go; from the time we believe through eternity  
future
    - c. The presence of the Holy Spirit in ones life results in growing love and obedience (vs 15 & 21)
    - d. The HS will teach, remind, and bring peace (vs 26-27)
  - 2. John 16:4ff
    - a. Going away so that the Holy Spirit can come
    - b. Work of the Spirit
      - 1) Convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment = salvation (vs 8-11)
      - 2) Guide believers in truth and glorifying Jesus
    - c. \*Glorifying Jesus is detailed in John 17 by Jesus Himself—unity with one another (but we'll save that for later)
- C. The effects of the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Indwelling
    - a. When one comes to Jesus for forgiveness and surrenders their life, they are immediately indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
    - b. The Holy Spirit is present with them, living in them which means, everywhere they go, there is the Kingdom of God.
  - 2. Filling
    - a. What would others say you are full of? We are all full of something—most often a mixture of many things
      - 1) Full of myself, ideas, emotion, passion, dreams, desires, and for the Jesus follower, the Holy Spirit
      - 2) At any one moment, I am full of something.
    - b. "Believers have all of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit does not have all of the believer."

- 1) \*Being full of the Spirit is surrendering what I am full of, fully trusting Jesus with it, and obeying God and His Word, period. This is a moment-by-moment challenge.
- 2) \*Don't neuter the Spirit. A person can, when filled with the Holy Spirit, do anything the Spirit desires, from speaking in other languages and raising the dead, to denying themselves and taking up their cross.  
*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He Who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*  
 (Romans 8:9-11)
- c. Holy Spirit filling results in victory over sin, peace and joy in our hearts, and submission and humility toward others.
  - 1) \*Instead of being filled with the Spirit, we have substituted the gathering of information. As evangelicals, we have turned the Holy Spirit into an academic pursuit. He is not an academic pursuit. He is in us to teach us how to think, what to do and say, and where to go. But we have replaced the promised Helper Jesus said would be better for us than Him with a supposed mastery of information. Do I walk in the Spirit or do I walk in my understanding?
  - 2) \*And this is how I know that while we may be indwelt by the Spirit, we are not often filled by Him.

### III. What next?

#### A. Two questions:

1. Are you indwelt by the Holy Spirit? This is the issue of recognized and repented sin.
2. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? This is the issue of surrender - you have a "fill" line
  - a. What are you most often full of?
  - b. Are you characterized by victory over sin (disunity in the body and falsely characterizing others is a sin), peace and joy in your heart, and submission and humility toward others?

#### B. Introduce communion (quiet time)