

## **Week 20: Nature and Ministries of the Holy Spirit**

*Grudem<sub>ST</sub> 30,39; Grudem<sub>BD</sub> \*\*; Ryrie 59-68*

### **A. Nature of the Holy Spirit** (Ryrie, 395-398)

1. Names
  - a. Holy Spirit (Gr. *hagios pneumatos*)
    1. Greek word for "Spirit" (*pneumatōs*) same as "wind" (cf. John 3:5-8)
    2. LXX translates *pneumatōs* for Hebrew word "*ruach*" (spirit/wind)
  - b. Spirit of Truth (Gr. *pneumatōs tes aletheias*) (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)
  - c. Helper (Gr. *parakletos*) (John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7) – an advocate, supporter (TDNT)
2. He is a person
  - a. Intelligence (Rom. 8:27; 1Cor. 2:10-13)
  - b. Feelings (Eph. 4:30)
  - c. Will (Acts 16:6-11; 1Cor. 12:11)
3. He is God (Acts 5:3-4)
  - a. His attributes: omniscience (Is. 40:13; 1Cor. 2:12), omnipresence (Ps. 139:7), omnipotence (Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30)
  - b. His actions: virgin birth (Luke 1:35), inspiring Scripture (2Pet. 1:21), Creation (Gen. 1:2)

### **B. Historical Doctrine of the Spirit** (Ryrie, 444-452)

1. Little mention of the Holy Spirit until Augustine (d. 430 AD)
2. Deity of Holy Spirit settled at Council of Constantinople (381 AD)
3. Procession of Holy Spirit from Father *and* Son settled at Synod of Toledo (589 AD)
4. Protestant Reformation (1517 AD) paid attention to His work, not just His person (i.e. regeneration, illumination) – there was now a developed doctrine of the Holy Spirit
5. Puritan John Owens (1616-83) writes *Discourse Concerning the Holy Spirit* (1674)

### **C. Ministries of the Holy Spirit** (Ryrie, 399-443)

1. Old Testament times
  - a. Creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps. 33:6; 104:30)
  - b. Inspiration (2Sam. 23:2; Mic. 3:8; Acts 4:25; 2Pet. 1:21)
  - c. Relation to people
    1. In them (Gen. 41:38; Num. 27:18; Dan. 4:8; 5:11-14; 6:3)
    2. Upon them (Num. 24:2; Judg. 3:10; 11:29; 1Sam. 10:10; 16:13; 2Chr. 15:1)
    3. Filled them (Ex. 31:3; 35:31)
  - d. Limited as to people: primarily Israel (Neh. 9:20; Is. 63:10-11)
  - e. Limited as to ministry: no sealing, baptizing, regeneration, etc...
  - f. Limited indwelling: came and left individuals (Judg. 16:20; 1Sam. 16:14; cf. Ps. 51:11)
2. Indwelling
  - a. A gift to all who believe (John 7:37-39; Acts 11:16-17; Rom. 5:5; 2Cor. 5:5)
  - b. Permanent (John 14:16-17)
3. Sealing
  - a. Sealed when we believed in Him (Eph. 1:13)
  - b. Sealed until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30)...guaranteed (2Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14)
4. Baptizing
  - a. Ministry began at Pentecost (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4)
  - b. All Christians baptized in the Spirit at conversion (1Cor. 12:13; Eph 4:5)
5. Gifting (Rom. 12; 1Cor. 12)
  - a. Gifts (Gr. *charisma*) are given by God's grace (Gr. *charis*) for serving the church
  - b. Given to all believers (1Cor. 7:7; 1Pet. 4:10) by His will (1Cor. 12:11)
6. Filling
  - a. He possesses someone for a special activity (Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9)
  - b. Extensive influence and control in a believer's life (Luke 4:1; Acts 6:3; 13:52; Eph. 5:18)
    1. Evidence – Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23), praise, worship & thanksgiving (Eph. 5:18-21)
    2. Can happen any time after conversion. Can happen multiple times in life.
    3. Related to yieldedness to the Holy Spirit and His will for our lives.
7. Teaching (John 16:12-15; 1John 2:27)
8. Guiding (Acts 8:29; 13:4; 16:6-7; Rom. 8:14)
9. Assuring (Rom. 8:16; Eph. 1:13-14)
10. Praying (Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18)
11. Sanctifying (Rom. 8:13; 2Cor. 3:18; 2Thess. 2:13)