

Garden to Garden

Lesson 5

The Temple of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people. - A. W. Tozer

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS **PROPHESIED** IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. **Isaiah 44:3**

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. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. **Joel 2:28-29**

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS **PROMISED** BY JESUS

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **John 7:37-39**

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—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^[a] in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." **John 14:15-21**

“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. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **John 16:7-16**

The Spirit of God _____ the story of God, so we can live like by the _____ of God.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS **POURED OUT** ON THE CHURCH AT PENTECOST.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. **Acts 2:1-4**

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”— **N.T. Wright, Simply Christian**

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? **1 Cor 3:16**

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:18**

We receive the Holy Spirit at _____, but we experience the Holy Spirit when we _____.

“The Spirit’s task is to restore glory to a fallen creation. The purpose for which the Spirit is give is, therefore, nothing less than the reproduction of the image of God, that is transformation into the likeness of Christ who is himself the image of God.”—Sinclair Ferguson

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Small Group Questions

Week 5

1. Review **John 7:37-39**. What did Jesus promise to those who believe?
 2. Review **John 16:7-16**. How do you think the disciples must have felt to hear Jesus say, "It is to your advantage that I go away, so I can send to you the Holy Spirit?" How is having the Holy Spirit as our Helper better than Jesus physically with us?
 3. How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives to redeem and restore what was lost in Eden?
 4. Marian said, "We receive the Holy Spirit at salvation, but we experience the Holy Spirit when we surrender." Is there any area of your life that you need to surrender to Jesus?
 5. From Harvest question on page 110:
Today we pondered the miraculous signs performed by Jesus that proved He was the long-awaited Messiah. Turning water into wine symbolized the ultimate transformation in the human heart. Think about your own life. Can others see the power of God at work in transforming you? How have you been changed by Jesus? Is there an area or struggle that needs the power of His transforming grace? Friends, there is nothing too big for Him!
 6. On Day 19, we read about the woman at the well and considered her state of spiritual dehydration. At one point or another, we have all been in a similar place, attempting to quench our thirst with something other than Jesus, the Living Water. Where are you tempted to look for life and satisfaction other than Him?
 7. On Day 20, we examined the story of the woman caught in adultery, and the religious leaders' attempt to put Jesus in an impossible situation. Would He condemn her, as the law required? Or would He show her grace, ignoring the law and giving them cause to accuse *Him*. How did Jesus respond in this situation? Discuss the impact on those involved then, and how it impacts us today.
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