

The Holy Spirit—His True Identity

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I. Introduction.

- A. The topic of the Holy Spirit generates a lot of conflict today.
- B. There is little power in the church today because of ignorance concerning the Spirit.
- C. Text: Acts 2.

II. The Holy Spirit is a person, not an intangible force. A person must have knowledge, will and emotion. (I Corinthians 2:11, I Corinthians 12:11, Romans 15:30, John 14:26, John 16)

III. The Holy Spirit is a person of the Trinity. (Genesis 1:2, 1:26, Romans 8:9, Ephesians 1:13)

IV. The Spirit is the promise of the Father. (John 14, Luke 24)

- A. The coming of the Spirit enables a person to serve God out of supernatural resources. (Acts 1)
- B. God relates to us by giving us power through a personal experience through the Spirit.

V. The Spirit is the power of the believer.

- A. A person cannot separate purity of life and the power of the Spirit.
- B. The work of the Spirit gives lasting eternal results. (Luke 3)
- C. God is willing to do more than we could ever believe because of the working of the Spirit. (Ephesians 1:18; 3:7, 16, 20)
- D. The Spirit works freely in the obedient life.
- E. The devil's trap is to keep a person from being everything that God wants a person to be.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to understand that the Spirit is a person?

2. What are some things that you would like God to do that seem impossible?

3. Is there a sin in your life that is keeping you from the Spirit's power? What can you do this week that is both practical and measurable that will help you in this? Explain.
