

Sunday Celebration (September 6, 2009)
"John's Pentecostalism"

John 14:12-31

INTRO "John's Anticipation of the Spirit"

"LUKEAN Presentation of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit"

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 8:14-18 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

LUKE reveals ASPECTS of the Holy Spirit's Ministry that included:

- o SUDDEN IMPACT
- o DYNAMIC OBSERVABLE EXPERIENCES (Tongues, prophecy, boldness)
- o SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES (healings, miracles, gifts of insight)

- Yet... John is one of the Most Pentecostal Writers in all of Scripture!

John's Perspective is a Much Needed Perspective on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit— without which we are in danger of becoming imbalanced in our theology and practice.

...CONSIDER a Similar Danger...

Ministry of Jesus Christ = Gospels + Pauline Epistles

- Common Errors Occur when We EXCLUDE the Full Counsel of the Word of God

... Similarly...

Ministry of the Holy Spirit = Luke + John + 1Cor

What Aspects of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit Does John Most Anticipate?

John 14:1, 12-13

v. 12 ... "BELIEVING" is going to result in some pretty amazing results!

- ...Your heart not being troubled
- ...Greater works being done through you
- ...Answered prayer

... ***Why is all this true?***— Because, believing means you are now going to RECEIVE the HOLY SPIRIT!!

- Connecting John and Luke — *The Ministry of the Holy Spirit IS a Ministry of POWER, therefore "Pentecostal Power" that is associated with the coming of the Spirit's ministry in our lives includes the ministry of the Spirit that is Highlighted in John:*

Jn 14:1, 12, 16 ... The Ministry of COMFORT

- "Helper" = COMFORTER (KJV) ... parakletos
 - from parakaléo, **to comfort, encourage or exhort.**(from The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament)
 - **one who helps, by consoling, encouraging, or mediating on behalf of**(from Greek-English Lexicon)

Jn 14:11-12 ... *The Ministry of Signs and Wonders*

Rom 15:18-19 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience — by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God — so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

Jn 14:16-17 ... *The Ministry of His Abiding Presence THROUGH New Birth*

- "receiving" and "indwelling" (vs dwelling with)

NOTE: Luke gives us almost NO INSIGHT into the Spirit's Ministry of REGENERATION. John, however, is all over that aspect of the Spirit's Ministry

Jn 1:12-13

Jn 3:3, 5-6

1 John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

1 John 3:6-9 "No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God."

1 John 3:23-24 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Jn 14:16-17 ... *The Spirit of Truth*

(v. 25-26) ... He teaches and brings to remembrance the Words of Christ —
— **Jn 12:16**

Jn 15:26

Jn 16:12-15 ... The Spirit's ministry to reveal

- It's a POWERFUL THING to be led into the truth—

— Doctrine of Total Depravity —

Rom 8:7 "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot."

1Cor 2:6-14

1Jn 2:20-27 ... "The anointing" is the Presence & Ministry of the Spirit of Truth... and is the Basis for John's CONFIDENCE!!

Heb 8:8-11

Conclusion: The Ministry of the Spirit is a ministry of Power that includes— New Birth, Revelation/Illumination, Transformation/Sanctification, Spiritual Gifts/Enablements for "the works that I do", and the Fruit of the Spirit

... This IMPOSING of RESTRICTIONS has had a TERRIBLE EFFECT of the Body of Christ.

“ It has been a source of great sadness to me to see two schools of thought within the evangelical church over many decades now. Those who come glorying in manifestations of power sometimes seem dismissive of those whom they regard as ‘cold theologians’. I heard a man speaking at a large conference saying that theology was the enemy of the church and that if only we could abandon doctrinal perspectives the church would be a happier place. What tragic nonsense! We also see and hear those who love theological insight and savor the doctrines of Scripture expressing equally dismissive remarks about Christians who are enjoying God’s power, as though they were mere children preoccupied with experience. How I long for a recovery of true biblical Christianity where the apostle Paul, who wrote the book of Romans, also raised the dead!” **Terry Virgo**