



LESSON 23

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: PART 1

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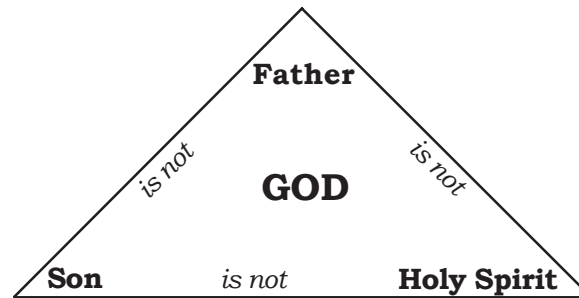
LESSON OBJECTIVES:

When you have completed this lesson, you will be able to . . .

1. Answer the question: “How does the Holy Spirit relate to the Holy Trinity?”
2. Give at least two analogies of the Trinity.
3. Answer the question: “What are the works of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life?”
4. Identify at least five ways the Holy Spirit works in regeneration.
5. Define the following terms: (1) Pentecostal (2) Charismatic (3) Third Wave.
6. Answer the question: “Was the Day of Pentecost the first appearance of the Holy Spirit on the earth?” Give examples.
7. Answer the question: “What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?” Give a doctrinal answer, dimensional answer, and a definitive answer to this question.

LESSON HIGHLIGHTS:

- 24 QUESTIONS CONTINUED:
 2. How does the Holy Spirit relate to the Holy Trinity?
 - There is one God, eternally existing, namely, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - Matthew 28:19: We are to baptize people “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
 - 2 Corinthians 13:14: Paul says, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, Amen.”
 - 1 John 5:7: “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.”
 - God is one person, but He exists and reveals Himself in three personalities—each one having a distinct purpose in the godhead.
- ANALOGIES
 - (1) Water can be seen in three different forms: water, ice, steam.
 - (2) Sun can be seen as light, heat, and fire.
 - (3) Physical Science: A light ray is (a) Actinic—invisible (b) Luminiferous—visible (c) Calorific—heat.



—John 14:16: “I will give you another Comforter.”

- One word for *another* is the Greek word *heteros*, meaning “other or different kind.”
- Another word for *another* is the Greek word *allos*, meaning “the same of the same kind.”

3. What are the works of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life?

—Initial conviction of sin (John 16:7, 8)

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

- John 6:44; 12:32
- A person cannot even be drawn to salvation unless the Holy Spirit is at work.

—Impartation of saving faith (Ephesians 2:8)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”

- Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

—Regeneration, spiritual birth (John 3:5-8; 1 Peter 1:23)

- Jesus talked to Nicodemus about regeneration or the new birth.
- When Jesus talked about regeneration, He spoke of it being a work of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit brings all things together:
 - (1) A new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - (2) Indwelling and sealing (Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6, 7; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
 - (3) Continual access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18; Romans 5:2)
 - (4) Inner strength and growth resources (Ephesians 3)
 - (5) Growing toward practical sanctification in our lives (2 Thessalonians 2)
 - (6) Calls us to character, ministry, service and various unities (Ephesians 4)
 - (7) Inner testimony regarding Christ and His lordship (John 5:26, 27)
 - (8) Guides us into truth, shows future things, glorifies Christ (John 16:12-15)

—The Holy Spirit endues us with power for service and ministry, called the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4).

- A person who is baptized in the Holy Spirit has one of many ministries going on in his life.

4. What is meant by the terms *Pentecostal*, *Charismatic*, *Third Wave*?

—The word *Pentecostal* means . . .

- (1) 50th day (Acts 2:1)
- (2) From Passover
- (3) Rooted in the Pentecostal Movement of the 20th century
- (4) Church of God, 1896, was the first denomination to experience the revival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Shearer Schoolhouse.

—The word *charismatic* means “gifts of grace.”

- (1) Those people who were labeled Charismatic were basically those who believe and practice gifts of grace.
- (2) In the 1960s and 1970s, there was a great Charismatic renewal, especially in America.

—*Third Wave*

- (1) The term has been used in the late 1990s and early 2000s.
- (2) During the ending of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century, there was another worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit, called the *third wave*.
- (3) When in third world countries, there was such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that an “explosion” occurred, bringing people to Christ, and experiences of last-days signs, wonders, and miracles.

5. Was the Day of Pentecost the first appearance of the Holy Spirit on the earth?

—There were Old Testament manifestations. In fact, the Holy Spirit is mentioned 81 times in the Old Testament.

—Scriptures:

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| (1) Genesis 1:2 | (5) Judges 14:6-19 |
| (2) Genesis 6:3 | (6) Exodus 31:2, 3 ff |
| (3) Genesis 41:38 | (7) 2 Peter 1:21 |
| (4) Judges 6:34 | (8) Numbers 11:29 |

—The Holy Spirit was manifested in the life of Jesus:

- (1) Prediction of Jesus’ birth (2 Peter 1:21).
- (2) Jesus conceived of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).
- (3) Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41-45).
- (4) Zacharias filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:67).
- (5) Holy Spirit revealed Christ to Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38).
- (6) John the Baptist predicted Holy Spirit baptism (Matthew 3:11).
- (7) Holy Spirit present at Christ’s baptism (all four Gospels).
- (8) Jesus given Holy Spirit without measure (John 3:34).
- (9) Jesus led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1).
- (10) Jesus returned from the Temptation in the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14).
- (11) Jesus said, “the Spirit of the Lord is upon me” (Luke 4:18).
- (12) Jesus warned about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31, 32).

- (13) Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39).
- (14) Jesus taught new birth by the Holy Spirit (John 3:5-8).
- (15) Jesus was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).
- (16) Jesus breathed and commanded the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).
- (17) Jesus ascended and sent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).
- (18) Jesus taught the disciples by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2).

—The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was for temporary, special occasions. The Holy Spirit came into a great ministry in the life of Jesus Christ.

—The Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost became . . .

- (1) Personal (Acts 2:39)
- (2) Permanent (John 14:15-17)
- (3) Present with the church and with all the believers to continue the work which Jesus had begun.

6. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- Doctrinal answer
- Dimensional answer
- Definitive answer
- Descriptive answer
- Dynamic answer
- Diverse answer

—Doctrinal Answer: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Scripture.

—Dimensional Answer: The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings to us two dimensions:

- (1) The salvation dimension
- (2) Service dimension—takes us deeper into the will of God for our lives by empowering us for service.

—Definitive answer: Immersed in the Holy Spirit

SEVEN BAPTISMS:

- (1) Moses
- (2) John
- (3) Christ
- (4) Suffering
- (5) Water
- (6) Body of Christ
- (7) Holy Spirit

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does the Holy Spirit relate to the Holy Trinity?
- 2. Give at least two analogies of the Trinity.
- 3. What are the works of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life?

4. Identify at least five ways the Holy Spirit works in regeneration. Include Scripture references in your answer.
5. Define the following terms:
 - a. Pentecostal
 - b. Charismatic
 - c. Third Wave
6. Was the Day of Pentecost the first appearance of the Holy Spirit on the earth? Give examples.
7. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit became . . .
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3)_____.
8. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Give a doctrinal answer, dimensional answer, and a definitive answer to this question.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Develop a sermon, devotion, or a lesson, making it age-appropriate, on one of the following topics:

1. The Holy Spirit in Trinity
2. Regeneration—the Work of the Holy Spirit
3. The Holy Spirit Manifested in the Life of Jesus
4. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is

Remember to include illustrations, stories, testimonies, object lessons, and so forth to help make your presentation more relevant to your audience.

EVALUATION: Complete a Project Evaluation sheet found in the Appendix.