

Introduction: study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a historical biblical/redemptive approach

- **Pentateuch** – (1.) creation/man (2.) striving (3.) artistic skill (4.) leadership
- **Historical** - (1.) judge/deliverer (2.) king (3.) prophet (4.) priest
- **Poets** – (1.) creation (2.) holiness
- **Prophets (Pt.1)** – a surge of information regarding the Spirit of God in Isaiah (the rest of the poets next week)

THE GRIEVING OF THE SPIRIT BY THEIR SIN

- Background (mid 700's B.C.) – the nation has continued to rebel; Isaiah primarily prophet to Southern Kingdom of Judah; Samaria will/has fallen, and God is calling for repentance and faith
- Judah will be devastated as a result of God's judgment by foreign armies – consequence of ongoing cycles of sin
- 63:10, 11 (their past) – grieved His Holy Spirit by rebelling – this brings the resistance of God (a losing battle); no neutrality – He put His Holy Spirit within them – probably in reference to the influence of the Spirit in Moses; nevertheless, they rebelled again and again throughout their history
- 30:1 (their present) - The people don't take counsel from His Spirit, but from Egypt (in protection from Assyria); this represents all of our efforts to do things our way, or the way of the world instead of God's way
- 40:13 (why this is so foolish) – who has directed His Spirit?
- What is their hope? Is God finished with them? What now? Two primary things, both tied to the work of God's Spirit

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THEIR MESSIAH

- 11:2 – from Jesse, the Spirit of the LORD (6-fold)
- 42:1 – (1st of 4 "Servant Songs") My Servant, His Spirit upon Him and results
- 61:1 – Spirit upon Him, anointed to preach, heal, proclaim, comfort
- This is not surprising because of what we have already seen in the Spirit's work in leadership
- But it is this 2nd thing, in the response of God to their grieving of the Spirit, that will begin to unfold in a way as yet unseen – they not only need the Redeemer to come as the Servant of the Lord, but they need internal transformation

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN GOD'S PEOPLE

- 32:15 (future change) – devastation until Spirit poured out – new Kingdom
- 44:3,4 (personal transformation) – Spirit poured out, fruitfulness in calling themselves by the Name of the LORD
- 59:19-21 – the Spirit will lift up a standard against the enemy - God's covenant, His Spirit and His Words shall not depart from their mouth forevermore (mouth indicative of the heart...more in Jeremiah)
- As we come to the NT, this is just what John the Baptist and Jesus Himself promise
- God's response to the repeated unfaithfulness of His people was to make a New Covenant, and pour out the Spirit so that in a way as yet untold they would be filled with the Spirit for loving obedience and faithfulness to Him
- **Here is the Gospel** – God has sent us His Word, and we have sinned; we have sought out our own ways, and thought ourselves wiser than God; attempts at human faithfulness is not enough
- We need the Redeemer (the Lord's Servant) to die to cleanse us from our unfaithfulness
- We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be faithful to the Lord
- Christians – we need the ongoing work of the Spirit no less than we need the once and for all work of Jesus Christ
- Non-Christian – you are stuck in the first heading without the Gospel; there is hope, but only in God's promises