

Introduction: **Biblical/redemptive** approach to studying the person and work of the Holy Spirit

- **Pentateuch** – (1.) creation/man (2.) striving (3.) artistic skill (4.) leadership
- **Historical** - (1.) judge/deliverer (2.) king (3.) prophet (4.) priest

## I. THE SPIRIT AND CREATION

- Job26:13 – adorned the heavens; 33:4 – creation and sustaining of man; 34:14 – His Spirit which gives all life
- Ps104:30 – giving all creation life (no redemptive theme); not Pantheism, but reality of God-infused
- 139:7 – omnipresence of the Spirit/God in creation – particularly connected to His knowledge of us

Application: take time to enjoy, delight in, and honor the work of the Spirit; don't get so busy that there isn't time to absorb the beauty; you need rest – take a part of Sunday (or some other day) to intentionally get un-busy – don't fall into the trap of always trying to be "productive"

- when we see life, when we see animals, when we gaze into the heavens, when we see pictures of far flung galaxies seen through gigantic telescopes, when we notice the order of the anthill or beehive, when we look down upon cities of men – it is the Spirit who gives life and breath to all things - feel, live, breathe, glory, worship
- a part of honoring the work of the Spirit is by being good stewards of His creation, and treating with dignity all His creatures - being Christian isn't being anti-nature; we just don't worship it, but its' Creator
- if the staggering grandness of creation is what it is now, what will it be when redeemed at Christ's return? – part of our redemption ought to be a Spirit-wrought appreciation and enjoyment creation

## II. THE SPIRIT AND HOLINESS

- Ps143:10 – teaching (the will), leading and reviving (through means of vv.5-6) – internal transformation
- Ps51:10-12 – even though great sin, the Spirit had not been taken away, though His influence had been
- The Spirit connected to purity of heart, steadfastness, a sense of God's presence, joy, ability to teach others, usefulness in converting others – all summarized as holiness, being redeemed and set apart for God's glory
- Concern not to have the Spirit taken away (like it had been from Saul) as King
- Pr1:23 – Spirit of Wisdom (skillful living in God's world in Truth, Beauty, Goodness, and Justice)
- Though it is more personal, the Spirit (it could be argued) is still associated with the office of the King (David in the Psalms, son of Solomon in Proverbs) as opposed to the common believer

Application: we know now that this is for believers under the New Covenant

- as we will see in the prophets next week, there is a promise of one who will be perfectly filled with the Spirit, Jesus Christ
- we will also see that there is a promise that not just prophets, priests, and kings will have this Spirit, but all His people (who are a kingdom of priests and who all prophecy)
- we now know we have the right and privilege to have this Spirit indwelling us, and all the blessings of Ps143, 51, and Pr1 are ours
- 1Cor12:13 – we all are baptized and drink of the same Spirit, and so have the ability, by abiding in Christ, to bear the fruit of the Spirit