

Putting Out the Spirit

1) Quench Not

To “quench” means to put out a fire.

Acts 2:3 – when the indwelling Spirit was initially given to Jesus’ disciples, besides the noise of a rushing wind and the result of speaking in differing languages, the other visible manifestation was that there came what looked like a river of fire and it divided and spread out over the top of each person.

Matt 3:11 – I baptize with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

2 Tim 1:6 – kindle afresh the gift of the Spirit within you

2) The Spirit’s Work

Works done for / to us

1. Give Scripture – 2 Pet 1:20-21, 2 Tim 3:16; John 14:26, 15:26, 16:12-15
2. Convicts – John 16:8; Zech 12:10
3. Regenerates – John 3:5-8, 6:63; Titus 3:5; Acts 16:14
4. Seals for Eternity – Eph 1:13
5. Gives Gifts – 1 Cor 12:7-11

Works done with us

6. Assures – Rom 8:16, 2 Pet 1:10-11, 1 Jn 3:18-19
7. Sanctifies – Rom 8:12-14, 2 Cor 3:18, Gal 5:16,25; 1 Peter 1:2
8. Enlightens – 1 Cor 2:12-16, Eph 1:18-19, 2 Tim 2:7
9. Fills – Acts 4:31, 13:52, Eph 5:18-21
(note – the 9 instances in Acts 2-13, the filling immediately resulted in enthusiastic service or bold evangelism)
10. Bears Fruit – John 15:5, Gal 5:22-23

3) Despise not prophesyings

Exodus 19:16-20 / Exodus 20:18-21

Deut 18:14-22

Acts 2:16-18

1 Cor 12:4-11

4) Why prophecies have stopped – 1 Cor 13:8-12

v. 8 – Prophecy / Knowledge will be removed

v. 9 – Prophecy / Knowledge are (in Paul's day) partial

v. 10 – Partial removed when complete arrives

v. 11... Childhood ways stop when adulthood arrives

v. 12... Fuzzy image vs. Clear Image

So – the only question remaining – “has the full revelation arrived?”

2 Peter 1:19 we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention...

Revelation 22:18-19 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book. If anyone takes away from the words of this book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Muratorian Fragment,(AD 170)

The Shepherd of Hermas ... could not be read publicly in the church, neither being among the prophets, for their number is complete, nor among the apostles, for their time is past.¹

¹ Harry Y. Gamble, *The New Testament Canon* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1985) 95. (quoted in TMSJ 14:2, 259)