

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EPHESIANS

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Sermon Notes

Eph. 1:13-14 The Holy Spirit in Ephesians

Intro: The Holy Spirit is spoken of 11 times in this book. Each one would make a wonderful study or a meaningful text. I would like for us to observe six of these beginning with Ephesians 1:13-14.

I. observe first of all - the Holy Spirit's seal. Eph. 1:13-14

There are 3 prominent words in Eph. 1:13.

"heard" "believed" and "sealed"

1. heard the word of truth. the fact that we are sinners - and of that provision of salvation provided by the Lord in his sacrifice.
2. "believed" the gospel of your salvation. the gospel - Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures... (personal) (the gospel)
3. Upon believing ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. (then & there)
 - Ⓐ the Holy Spirit's work is to quicken - the dead in trespasses & sins. Eph. 2:1
 - Ⓑ The Holy Spirit is called "the Spirit of Life." Rom 8:2

4. The instrument He uses is the word of God.

Gal 1:12 "the word of truth - the gospel of your salvation"
"faith cometh by hearing & believing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17 Heb 4:2 "the word preached"
"the word of God is quick & powerful" Heb. 4:12
"born again by the power of the Spirit." Jn. 3:5
"Not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God." I Pet. 1:23

5. Upon hearing & believing immediately sealed with the Holy Spirit. (This sealing means God owns us and will keep us. (Nobody can break God's seal.)

- ① a seal is the mark of genuineness. Eph. 4:31-3
 (believers manifestly declared to be the apostles of Christ.) 1 Cor. 11:22 Spoken of God - "who hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." By him believers are sealed separated & set apart for God.
- ② a seal speaks of ownership. Jn. 10:14 "my sheep"
Jn. 10:27-30 "my sheep hear my voice..."
1 Tim 2:19 "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal." distinguished & marked as belonging to him.
- ③ the seal is the mark of security. 1:14 "earnest"
 "assurance" "guarantee" "token deed" guaranteeing our redemption of our substance.
cf. Rom. 8:14-16 (this earnest makes it assured to the heirs as though they already possessed it.)
- ④ the seal is a symbol of authority. 15:22
 "a ring on his hand." cf. Esther 3:10 / Gen. 41:41-44
- the secondly - the Holy Spirit can be grieved. Eph. 4:30
- It is an established fact both by scripture & experience that at the time of the New Birth the Holy Spirit enters in to take up permanent residence.
Jn. 14:15-17 abide forever & remain in you & glorify me
 - His work for the believer is to create a new nature within.
 - His full title is the Holy Spirit and his divine Nature given when any wrong thought - word or deed occupies the mind or body of the believer. (your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.)
 - He abhors those sins just mentioned by Paul - lying - anger - stealing - and evil speaking! (No corrupt communications)
 - and the things following our text, must be put away.
sithersness - both of spirit & of speech Sin - ill-words and pains the Holy Spirit
swath - opposed to tenderheartedness
anger - lasting resentment (opposed to forgiving one another) with all malice
- Note: the sins of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21

6. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we do not ascertain from immortality. Eph. 4:13-8
 The Holy Spirit is grieved when we do not obey*
 When the child of God takes him into places he should not go* and does the things he should not do.*

III. Filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18

1. an unwise and senseless man will become drunk with wine. But a wise and sensible Christian will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
 (We cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit - if we are full of the world or self.)
2. The worldly man & woman seeks satisfaction in excess indulgence of various kinds. But the Christian by being filled with the Holy Spirit.
Notices Eph. 5:19-21 Joyful - thankful - submissive.
 (It is easy to mistake fleshly enthusiasm for the filling of the Holy Spirit) To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be governed - controlled - influenced - and directed by the Spirit.

IV. The Holy Spirit's Supplication. Eph. 6:18

1. praying always - continually praying in every season* every condition* every circumstance* with all sincerity* Jesus said, "that men ought always to pray and not to faint"
2. supplication - means variety & earnestness in every element of prayer.
3. There is private prayer* family prayer* silent prayer* prayer in the church* emergency prayer* prayers of repentance* confession* thanksgiving* intercession* supplication*
4. our prayers need to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:26 "for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

V. The Holy Spirit Revealing the Mysteries of the Gospel. Eph. 3:5

1. By Revelation - He made known to Paul the mystery - Christ was the long concealed, but then revealed Redeemer of both Jews & Gentiles.
 Was not known in other ages - that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs - by the gospel.
 Paul was made a minister of this mystery.
 (Now revealed by the Holy Spirit) II Pet. 1:19-21
I Pet. 1:9-11
2. The same Spirit that inspired the O.T. Prophets - also inspired the writers of the New Testament. He also bears witness to the truth - to God's Word as it is preached today.

VI. Faithful - the sword of the Spirit - the Word of God. Eph. 6:17

1. Paul tells us in II Tim. 2:3 to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." "Soldier"
 (Every warrior needs an offensive weapon.)
2. We are told in Eph. 6:11 to put on the whole armour of God. This is for our defence.
3. But our offensive weapon is the sword of the Spirit - which is the Word of God.
4. The word of God is quick & powerful. Heb. 4:12
5. The Word of God was an effective weapon against Satan in the great tempter. Mat. 4:1-11
6. Rev. 1:16 "out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword - the word of God."
7. The last Victory to be won will be won by the sword of the Spirit. "out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the Nations." (Rev. 19:13,15)
8. We are to take the sword of the Spirit.
 (But it must be used by the Holy Spirit's Power). I Cor. 1:1-5
Preaching Christ crucified