

The Shocking Truth About the Spirit, Pt. 1: "Great Need and the Promise"

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The Shocking Truth About the Spirit Sermon Series

The promises of the Spirit (Jn. 14:16-17)

1. The Spirit will be sent. (Jn. 14:16-17)
2. The Spirit will be with us. (Jn. 14:17)
3. The Spirit will be in us. (Jn. 14:17)

During the Old Testament era, the Spirit's work was more individual and rarely corporate.

God promises the Spirit to all humankind. (Joel 2:28)

If the Spirit is so awesome to have in us, why didn't God give the Spirit to all of God's people sooner?

Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:39)

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?

Purpose of the Spirit is to convert the heart to Jesus.

Repentance is prompted by a demonstration of God's love for us lovingly displayed on the cross. (Rom. 2:4)

The supreme, humble, gracious work of the Spirit is to show us who Jesus really is.

The Holy Spirit was given to the early church.

The Spirit is available, yet Jesus hasn't returned. Something is missing.

The baptism of the Spirit is of great need. (Matt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Luk. 3:16; John 1:32-34; Acts 1:5; 11:16)

The early church received the baptism of the Spirit. What were they doing that fostered the baptism?

They were in one accord . Constantly in prayer . Came together regularly .
Shared everything . Helped one another . (Acts 1:14; 2:42-47; 4:32; 5:12)

We are missing the Unity / Togetherness factor.

Jesus gave one more commandment to help with the togetherness factor. (John 13:34-35)

Love each other.

Promise = we will receive the baptism of the Spirit

Our great need = Togetherness / unity factor and the baptism of the Holy Spirit for our entire church.

Action Steps

- Surrender to Jesus .
- Let the Spirit convict the heart.
- Spend more time with Jesus in prayer and study .
- Get involved .
- Come together more.
- Reach out and help someone.
- Love like Jesus.
- Live well and love well .