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Luke Chapter 24

VI. The Vindication of the Son of Man before Men, Luke 24:1-49.

5. The Promise of Giving them the Holy Spirit, vs. 49.

This promise is fulfilled in **Acts 2:1-4**. The Feast of Pentecost was the day when the disciples of Jesus received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4

Acts 2:4, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

The Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, (continued).

8. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit sets the stage for 6 ministries the Spirit performs for the Church Age believer.

a. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: placing you in union with Jesus Christ, and identifying you as a member of the Royal Family of God, **Acts 1:1-8, “For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”** Cf. **1 Cor 12:13; 1 Thes 4:8; Titus 5:3-7**.

b. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit: He seals us and is our pledge of eternal life and inheritance, **Eph 1:13-14**.

c. The Gifting of the Holy Spirit: He gives each believer a spiritual gift at salvation, **1 Cor 12:4-11; Heb 2:4**.

d. The Teaching Ministry of the Holy Spirit: We learn God’s Word by means of the Grace Apparatus for Perception (GAP), which is the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, **John 14:16, 26; 16:12-15; 1 Cor 2:9-16; 1 John 2:27; 1 Thes 4:9**, which is also part of His Common Grace ministry. This is:

1) The comprehension of Bible doctrine when taught.

2) The cycling of Bible doctrine, storing and retaining God’s Word with your soul.

3) The building of your Edification Complex of the Soul (ECS) with doctrine.

4) The application or exhaling of Bible doctrine from your soul.

5) The believer functioning under the super-grace life in doctrine.

e. The Praying Ministry of the Holy Spirit: He intercedes in our prayer life, **Rom 8:26**

f. The Filling of the Holy Spirit. This is another important topic which is unique to the Church Age and part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Church Age believer. The Filling of God the Holy Spirit is the operational ministry of the Holy Spirit for empowerment and enablement of the Church Age believer to execute God’s Plan for their life. Through the Filling of the Spirit, we are empowered and enabled to execute the unique spiritual life of the Church Age believer, **Eph 5:18; cf. Eph 4:30; 1 Thes 5:16-22**.

9. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the Indwelling of Jesus Christ. In the Church Age, every believer is indwelt by Jesus Christ, **John 14:20; 17:20-23**, and every believer is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit.

a. Jesus Christ indwells the believer for the purpose of fellowship, **Rom 8:10; 2 Cor 13:5**. Maximum fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ comes through the ECS and the super-grace life, **Eph 3:17-19**, where we know and live in the four-dimensional (Tesseract) love of Jesus Christ.

b. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer for the purpose of function. He makes the Christian life function in the believer’s life.

10. The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every believer, but only controls the soul of the believer under the title “filling of the Holy Spirit” or “walking in the Spirit,” **Eph 5:18; Gal 5:1, 16, 25**. Therefore, the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the “filling” of the Spirit.

a. The indwelling occurs at the point of salvation and never changes. At that time, the believer is also filled with the Spirit, **Acts 2:4**. But when the believer first sins after their salvation they lose the filling of the Spirit.

b. That is why the filling of the Holy Spirit is commanded in **Eph 5:18**, because it is lost through carnality, **Eph 4:30**.

c. Whether the believer loses the filling of the Spirit or not, he never loses the indwelling.

d. If the filling of the Spirit is lost due to sinning, which also results in loss of fellowship with God, it is regained through the confession of your sins to God the Father, **1 John 1:5-9**.

e. The actual use of Divine power from the indwelling of the Spirit depends on the filling of the Holy Spirit rather than the indwelling of the Spirit. The indwelling is not operational apart from the filling.

f. Therefore, we are never commanded to be indwelt by the Spirit (this always exists), but we are commanded to “be filled with the Spirit,” **Eph 5:18**, and “walk in the Spirit,” **Gal 5:16**.

g. The opposite to being filled is “grieving” or “quenching” the Spirit, **Eph 4:30; 1 Thes 5:19**.

Therefore, the filling of the Holy Spirit is the first power option of the spiritual life and without this Divine power it is impossible to execute the unique spiritual life of the Church. Divine power is necessary to execute the Divine plan. Without the filling of the Holy Spirit there is no spiritual life. A perfect plan demands perfect power for its fulfillment. The Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life and demands a supernatural means of execution, which means anything the unbeliever can do is not the Christian way of life, **1 Cor 2:13; Col 1:9**.

1 Cor 2:13, “Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual with spiritual.”

Col 1:9, “For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”

11. While the indwelling of the Holy Spirit emphasizes the body, the filling of the Holy Spirit emphasizes the believer’s soul. Therefore, the sphere of indwelling is always stated as the body of the believer, **1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20**. Your body is the sacred building of the Church Age. This indwelling makes it impossible for demon possession to occur.

12. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is both permanent and irrevocable whether the believer is carnal or spiritual, winner believer or loser believer, therefore it is non-experiential.

13. The inner conflict between the Old Sin Nature (OSN) and Indwelling of Holy Spirit.

a. The prior indwelling of the OSN from physical birth and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit from the new birth result in a great inner conflict, **Gal 5:17**.

Gal 5:17, “For the flesh (OSN) sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.”

b. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the principle of victory over the OSN, while the filling of the Holy Spirit is the function of victory over the OSN.

c. Therefore, emphasis is placed on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which divorces the believer from the power of the OSN and marries the believer to a second husband with a new way of life, **Rom 7:1-6**. It further provides a new marriage counselor for the new life in God the Holy Spirit.

d. The inner conflict between the OSN and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is portrayed in **Rom 8:2-8; Gal 5:16ff**. The OSN had a head start at birth. It is only overcome by positive attitude toward Bible doctrine, especially the doctrine of Rebound.