

Sunday, January 19, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Title: Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Series: Ministry of the Holy Spirit ... 1

Text: Matthew John 14:1 - 31

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of THREE MINISTRIES or FUNCTIONS of the Holy Spirit to BELIEVERS.

Introduction:

~ We believe in one God who has existed from eternity past in three persons; of the same substance and co-equal, yet unique in their personage.

~ Matthew 3:16 -17, “And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; (17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

~ Matthew 28:18 – 20, (18) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

~ There is no illustration of the triune God that is a perfect illustration: how can we perfectly illustrate an infinite, unfathomable God? But this did help my thinking: H₂O (2 hydrogen atoms and 1 oxygen atom comprising the molecule – the substance) but that substance has three unique manifestations – water and ice and steam yet still one substance.

~ Today we begin a series on the ‘Ministry of the Holy Spirit.’

1. Birthed by the Holy Spirit:

~ Luke 1:30 – 35, “And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, (33) and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (34) And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (35) And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will

come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.” Compare John 20:21 – 22

~ John 3:3, “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

~ John 3:5 – 8, “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ (8) The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.””

~ John 1:12 – 13, “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

~ Titus 3:5 – 6, “He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

2. Sealed by the Holy Spirit:

~ Luke 3:21 – 22, “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, (22) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.””

Please note that I am NOT suggesting that Christ Jesus is here ‘sealed;’ but the announcement to Mary so many years earlier was PRIVATE this announcement is PUBLIC! This also begins his public ministry and the calling out of the Disciples.

~ 2 Corinthians 1:21 – 22, “And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, (22) and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

~ Ephesians 1:13 – 14, “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

~ Ephesians 4:30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Compare Romans 8:1 - 17

3. Comforted by the Holy Spirit:

~ John 14:16 – 17, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Helper is the Greek word *parakletos* (G3875): summoned, called to one’s side, esp. called to one’s aid – 1. one who pleads another’s cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate; 2. one who pleads another’s cause with one, an intercessor; 3. In the widest sense

~ *parakletos* is used 5 times in the New Testament: John 14:16, *26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 John 2:1

~ KJV John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

~ Acts 9:31, “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.”

~ 2 Corinthians 1:3 – 7

~ Philippians 2:1 – 2 and 4:5 – 7, “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, and participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, (2) complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” 4:5 “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; (6) so not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Conclusion:

Luke 11:1 - 13