

Sermon Worksheet, 7/19/09

Passage: John, 1:29-34, 15:26-27, 20:19-23,
And Acts 1:1-8

Theme: I am God's Temple No.8

*Don't you know that
you yourselves are
God's temple and that
God's Spirit lives in
you? (1 Cor 3:16)*



In this drill, we will learn about the process and the purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Observations:

- 1) According to John the Baptist, there were two things Jesus Christ would do. What were they? Also what was the reason John was baptizing? John was baptizing with water, but Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Why are these two compared in this way expressing both as “**baptizing**”?
- 2) Explain the mental condition of the disciples of that time as expressed in John 20:19. What was the reason for that condition: what did they think/believe about the death (and resurrection) of Jesus until that point? Jesus said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**” What was implied in this as to what the Holy Spirit would do for them soon?
- 3) According to John 15:26-27, and Acts 1:8, what was the purpose for the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit? Various expressions are used in these passages like “**Receive the Holy Spirit,**” “**You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit,**” “**when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,**” “**When the Counselor comes,**” etc. Do all these expressions mean the same thing? What kind of power was it that the disciples received when the Holy Spirit came upon them?

Personal Applications:

- 1) Briefly explain the process that the disciples took from the time they met John the Baptist until they finally became Jesus’ witnesses. Where do you think you are now in this process?
- 2) After this the disciples went out and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. How do you think this power changed them? Was this power only for the disciples who lived in the time of the early church, or is it also available for you today? Do you want the same power? How do you think it will change you?
- 3) We have learned so far about the character of the Holy Spirit, and the kinds of works he does. Keep those things in mind, and explain what you need to do (or to change, maybe) in order to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and have him work with you. Do you really want the Holy Spirit to work for you?

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Thank God that there is always the presence of the Holy Spirit in our gatherings. Ask the Holy Spirit to do whatever you desire him to do in a specific way.
- 2) Pray for your group, and your family that you will have more presence of the Holy Spirit in your gatherings (if there is anything you need to change, pray for that).
- 3) Continue to pray for “**everyone**” and “**all the saints**”: especially, for those who need the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for the recent and the future newcomers, and for the coming Summer Bible Camp.