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Series : "The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit"

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**"DRAWN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

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## INTRODUCTION

Study 1 : The Holy Spirit is not God's "impersonal force." He has all the "marks" of personality and the attributes of God. Just as Jesus shows us what the Father is like (Jn14:9) he also reveals the nature of the Holy Spirit (Jn14:16) It is God himself, in the person of the Holy Spirit, who takes up residence in our life.

Study 2: Outlined the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.. where his activity is emphasised. Today's Study is the first of four that examine the Work of the Holy Spirit in our lives in bringing us to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. These Studies are : Drawn by the Spirit (today), Born of the Spirit, Sealed by the Spirit, and Baptised With the Spirit.

**TODAY'S STUDY : DRAWN BY THE SPIRIT .... remember these verses from Study 1?**

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. John 3:6-9

These short verses teach us that the work of the Holy Spirit is:

ESSENTIAL .... *"No one can enter ... unless..."* EFFECTIVE *"Spirit gives birth to spirit"*

ELECTIVE (Outside our control) *"wherever it pleases"*

Why is the work of the Holy Spirit so vital? The question is answered by looking at the "material" the Holy Spirit has to work on. What is it ABOUT US that requires the Spirit's life-giving work?

## A. HUMAN NATURE

### 1. THIS IS HOW WE ARE

Our UNIVERSAL condition.

There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. (Rom3:10-12) All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom3:23)

Our SPIRITUAL condition

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them.... 1Cor2:14

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit as your fathers did." Acts 7:51 Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Jn3:19

**2. HOW DID WE GET THIS WAY?** Genesis 3 is the story of deliberate and wilful DISOBEDIENCE leading to relational disruption :

From GOD : "I heard you .. I was afraid .. I hid" (Gen3:10)

From OURSELVES : *"It wasn't me.... "* (Gen3:12)

From EACH OTHER : *" .... it was the women you gave me"* (Gen3:12)

From CREATION : *"Thorns, futility, pain."* (Gen3:17-19)

## B. SPIRITUAL DEATH

### 1. The CONSEQUENCES OF RELATIONAL DISRUPTION WITH GOD

*You must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. Gen2:17      The wages of sin is death Rom6:23a*

There are two deaths as the consequences of sin : PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins ..... gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts .... we were by nature objects of wrath. Eph2:1-3

### 2. THE FOUR EVIDENCES OF SPIRITUAL DEATH

The mind of sinful man is death .... the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. Rom8:6-8

- i. HOSTILE to God    ii. Unable to OBEY God    iii. Cannot PLEASE God
- iv Cannot UNDERSTAND or ACCEPT spiritual things      (See 1Cor2:14, over)

## C. NEW LIFE

### 1. GOD STEPS IN : As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins ... But because of his great love for us, God .... made us alive with Christ. Eph2:1-6

God acts with POWER; His actions are \_\_\_\_\_ (The 3 "E's" from "Intro")

### 2. GOD STEP'S IN .... BECAUSE HE MUST!

*Now, the reason why no man ever commenced the work of grace in his own heart, is very plain ... He cannot. ... He is dead. Well, the dead may be made alive, but the dead cannot make themselves alive, for the dead can do nothing. Charles Spurgeon*

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. Jn6:44

"The Lord's servant must (be) .... an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth. 2Tm2:24

We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jew and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1Cor1:23-24

The Lord opened (Lydia's) heart to give heed to what was said by Paul Acts16:14

By grace you've been saved, through faith- and this not from yourself, it is the gift of God. Eph2:8

### 3. GOD STEPS IN .... FOR HIS GLORY.

Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord 1Cor1:31. (see context from v.18. Also Eph2:4-9)

## D THE SPIRIT'S PRIMARY WORK

The Holy Spirit ... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Jn14:26. When the Spirit comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment ... because men do not believe in me. .. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. Jn16:8-14

- 1. THE CONVICTING SPIRIT** : regarding Jesus death on our behalf. The result? Our AGREEMENT that we are indeed guilty before God. (See Psalm 51:4)
- 2. THE REMINDING SPIRIT** : CONVINCING us of the truth of Jesus' words  
Eg. that Jesus is the only way to God!. (Jn14:6) See 1Cor2:9-12
- 3. THE GLORIFYING SPIRIT** : Not drawing ATTENTION to himself,  
but pointing people to Christ.

As it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.  
1Cor2:-9-13 ... quoting Is64:4