



Being Pentecostal  
 Week 8: The Holy Spirit Opens Our Eyes  
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<b>6/7</b> – O Introducing the Spirit	<b>7/5</b>	<b>8/2</b> – M – the HS opens our eyes
<b>6/14</b> – O Disciples in the Spirit	<b>7/12</b> – O When the Spirit Goes Mainstream	<b>8/9</b>
<b>6/21</b> – M The Spirit’s Gifts	<b>7/19</b> – O When the HS Brings Freedom	<b>8/16</b>
<b>6/28</b> – O The Spirit “Gets” Organized	<b>7/26</b> – O The Spirit in the Darkness	<b>8/23</b>
		<b>8/30</b>

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This Summer  
 Join the Wednesday Night Crew  
 In the auditorium @6:30PM  
 For our adult bible study: BEING PENTECOSTAL  
 Ever wonder what signs and wonders have been recorded in history since Acts chapter 2?

**H.O.**

- Fruit of the Spirit (As displayed in JC Life) – Week 1
- Gifts of the Spirit (Hayford) – Week 1
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory – Week 3
- Spiritual Gifts Test – Week 3
- Spirit Gets Organized – Week 4
- NOTE CARD FOR FREEDOM CEREMONY – Week 6
- Asking Questions In The Darkness – Week 7

**Foundation:**

First, need to identify the Holy Spirit as a person and part of the Trinity.  
 Then, how He works through Christ  
 The, how He works through the Disciples  
 (How can we graph this?)

**Three Measurable Goals:**

1. **Understanding** the person of the Holy Spirit
2. **Measuring** our understanding of the Holy Spirit by the amount of Fruit of the Spirit in our life.
3. **Expressing** the will of the LORD by what the Holy Spirit does through us and how He chooses to display Himself.

**OUR relationship**(interaction) **with the Holy Spirit**  
**provides the clarification**(illumination) **of the scriptural path**  
**we walk on in our life with Jesus Christ.**

**Areas of Influence:** Family. Work. Hobbies. Social media. Church. Neighborhood.  
 Events. **DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF NAMES?** Any testimonies....

**Practicing the Gifts: Any Testimonies**

- Praying very simply for healing? Using oil?



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- Practicing simply and continually giving the HS addicting behaviors (and our egos that stop us from admitting they are present) AND/OR the lies of our culture that control/influence us.

**John 3:5-8 HCSB** (all verses unless otherwise noted)

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### The Holy Spirit opens our eyes...

**Why? What is the point? Why are we studying these people? These times? What does it matter?**

**To help us question ourselves... to encourage ourselves... to embolden ourselves and others...**

**The Holy Spirit is alive and well just as He was in Jesus' time... in the disciple's time... and in our time... and in all the time in between... we've looked up to the dark ages – now we are going to look at The Reformation...**

### How did The Holy Spirit open their eyes...

**Timeframe: (C. 1501-1650)  
The Reformation**

Came in response to "the Great Papal Schism" (when different popes were vying for authority) and the issues within the Catholic Church – goes through the settling of the New World – Puritans – Salem Witch Trials

**3 people we will discuss:**

**JOHN WYCLIFFE – 1330-1384**

**MARTIN LUTHER – 1483-1546**

**JOHN CALVIN – 1509-1564**



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**The Holy Spirit opens our eyes... be thinking... how does**

**JOHN WYCLIFFE – 1330-1384**

- The Morningstar of the Reformation
- Earliest reformer
- **Destroyed the medieval barrier between God & humanity by teaching that everyone – priest & layman alike – had an equal place in the eyes of God**
- **“Dominion founded on grace”**
- **Everyone had been given the right to govern themselves through sanctifying grace**
- Was Catholic – maintained most of the beliefs of Catholicism but not all
  - did not believe in transubstantiation.
  - the pope was not the head of the church
  - organized church was not necessary for salvation – instead simple obedience to God & the Bible was sufficient
- Led a group of scholars to translate the Bible into the language of craftsmen & peasants
- Launched a new movement – the “Lollards”
- Sent out his “poor priests”
  - They lacked any formal academic background
  - Tracts/sermons/ and PAGES ripped from his new Bible
- **Consequences:**
  - They were forced to recant or be expelled from the church
  - Wycliffe – because he was popular – was left alone – was expelled from the university– eventually forbidden to lecture
  - The “movement” found great support elsewhere

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**Wycliffe.org – Wycliffe bible translators – impacted our whole world... Our Vision -** For people from every language to understand the Bible and be transformed. **Our Mission -** Serve with the global body of Christ to advance Bible translation and work together so people can encounter God through his Word.

**Achieving a God-Sized Mission: vision 2025 -** In 1999, Wycliffe USA made a bold decision to adopt a God-sized vision: to have a translation program in progress in every language still needing one by the year 2025.

Their COO – a woman who started as a typist in 2002...



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### MARTIN LUTHER – 1483-1546

- Eldest son – Hans and Margarethe Luther
- Planned to be a lawyer until one night, in a thunderstorm while returning to the university on horseback, he was nearly struck by lightning. “Help!” he cried. “Save me, St. Anne, and I will become a monk!”
- On becoming a monk:
  - “If ever a monk got to heaven by his sheer monkery, it was I”
  - Fasted and slept without a blanket in winter trying to obtain salvation.
  - Johann von Staupitz (friend)
    - Told him try loving God instead
    - “Love God? I hated him!”
    - Staupitz believed he would find his love for God in the scriptures.
    - Gave him a position at Wittenberg University
    - Reading the bible – eyes fell on Romans 1:17
      - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “The just shall live by faith.”
    - Gained a whole new perspective on God:
      - **“Night and day,” he recalled, “I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement ‘the just shall live by faith.’ Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise”**

### THE BIRTH OF THE REFORMATION

- **“Sola Scriptura” – Scripture alone –only authority**
- **“Sole Fide” (fee-day) (faith alone) – “His “justification by faith” doctrine would not only become his own salvation but would also soon lay the groundwork for a worldwide movement with enormous implications”**
- **If salvation came by faith alone – then the ecclesiastical structure of the church would no longer be necessary – priests, popes, monks, Mass, prayers to saints, penance, confessions, indulgences**
- **Led to his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg’s Castle on October 31, 1517**
- **This was the spark that ignited the Protestant Reformation**
- Denounced by the Dominicans (Friars)
  - Condemned 41 of his theses as “heretical, scandalous, false, offensive to pious ears, seductive of simple minds, and repugnant to Catholic truth”
- Luther’s response:
  - Went to German people
  - Lead a crowd of students outside Wittenberg to burn copies of the Canon Law & other theological works – Bonfire of 1520



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- Asked for scriptural proof of the Rome's authority
- The pope declared him a heretic & excommunicated him from the church
- Fell on Germany's young emperor Charles V – sworn an oath to defend the church & root out heresy
- The emperor summoned Luther to an imperial assembly at Worms
- **Luther appealed to scripture: "My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither honest nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me. Amen."**
- Declared an outlaw
- Saved by Frederick the Wise, Prince of Saxony – the province that surrounded Wittenberg
- Spent 9 months disguised as a minor nobleman translating the New Testament into German
- 1522 returned to Wittenberg to put into effect his reforms
  - Became a model for Germany & much of Western civilization.
  - Abolished the office of bishop
  - Priests/monks/and nuns abandoned their celibacy and married
  - A new ministry emerged – that of a married pastor living with his family like any other
  - Worship changed from a liturgical service filled with ritual & ceremony to a celebration filled with music & preaching
- 1524 revolt ended with everyone hating Luther
  - Peasants blamed Luther for their defeat
  - Nobles blamed Luther for instigating the rebellion
  - The emperor hated him
  - The pope hated him
  - Catholics hated him
    - **Such was the life of a reformer...**
- Then came the plague
  - Everyone who was well left Wittenberg
  - Luthers stayed to help
  - Local monastery was turned into a hospital
  - Luther watched many of his friends die
  - Lowest time of his life
  - **Luther penned the words of his most beloved hymn: "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing."**
  - **Luther, once again, turned to God for his help.**
  - **Just before his death, Luther wrote to his wife, "I am fed up with this world, and it is fed up with me." He died with his faith in the newly reformed church intact; "I entertain no sorry picture of our Church, but rather that of the Church**



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**flourishing through pure and uncorrupted teaching and one increasing with excellent ministers from day to day.”**

**Life in the Spirit:**

- Miracles:
  - Primary purpose of miracles was for the spreading of the gospel – since the gospel had already spread into the entire world, there was no longer a need for miracles as in apostolic times
- Believed he learned under the Holy Spirit’s guidance
- Described as “a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues & interpreter, in one person, endowed with all the gifts of grace.”
- Luther spoke prophetically on a number of occasions
  - Some fulfilled during his lifetime
  - Others later
- Healing: said,
  - “Often has it happened, and still does, that devils have been driven out in the name of Christ; also by calling on His name and prayer, the sick have been healed.”
  - Prayed for his friend who had TB through the mail – his friend revived and outlived him
  - 18 year old demon possessed girl – ordered her to recite the Apostles’ Creed – got to “and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,” she fell into convulsions. Luther said, “I know you, Satan. You would like for me to begin exorcising with great display, but I will do no such thing.” Next day – the same – urged his student not to follow “popish ceremonies of exorcism but to simply pray patiently and perseveringly without assigning God a time or manner in which to cast out the demon.” Luther laid his hand on her head – repeated the Apostle’s Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, quoted John 14:12 – then he & the other ministers prayed, asking God for Christ’s sake to cast the devil out. Luther then touched the girl with his foot & repeated, “Proud devil, you would indeed like for me to proceed against you with great display, but I will do no such thing. I know that your head is crushed and that you lie prostrate at and under the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Then he left, and the girl was taken home to her friends, where she was no more troubled by the devil.
- Power of the Holy Spirit for today:
  - In a collection of sermons taken from Luther's church and dated 1523, Luther again referred to John 14:12: “He who believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.” He then commented, “Therefore, we must allow these words to remain and not gloss over them, as some have done who said that these signs were manifestations of the Spirit in the beginning of the Christian era, and that now they have ceased. That is not right; for the same power is in the church still.”



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- **Justification by faith alone – Sola Fide (fee-day)**
- **Scripture alone – only authority – Sola Scriptura**
- **Translated the bible into German – wanted the average person to read – a few years after Gutenberg's bible**
- **Protestants vs Catholicism**

**Mention:**

**ANABAPTISTS: 1524 – much the same as modern Pentecostals & charismatics**

- Came about because the Zurich city council insisted that all newborn infants be baptized
- This group believed baptism was for believers only – not babies – not biblical
- Re-baptizers – heretics
- Charismatic
- preferred being called "Baptists"
- 1526 – if you "rebaptized" penalty of death by drowning
  - Felix Manz – became the first Anabaptist martyr
  - George Blaurock – fled – was burned at the stake
  - In 4 yrs – 4-5000 Swiss Brethren executed by fire, water, sword
- strongly believed in the baptism of the Holy Spirit
  - not unusual for early Anabaptists to dance, fall under the power, speak in tongues, raise the dead, or experience healings
- Holy Spirit resided in every church member
  - Each one possessed one or more of His gifts for the edification of the body
  - Every member should have opportunity to exercise those gifts for the building up of the congregation
- Mennonites came out of Anabaptists

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**JOHN CALVIN – 1509-1564**

- Parents hoped he would become a lawyer
- 24 yo - Pursuing humanist studies in Paris
- Profound spiritual conversion experience that ultimately led him into ministry & out of the Catholic Church
- Joined the reform movement in Paris
- Forced into exile
- Fleeing France to Strasbourg on the French-German border – military maneuvers forced him to Geneva, Switzerland
- Planning to stay only 1 night William Farel – French reformer begged him to stay
- Ended up staying there until his death at 54 – exiled for 3 years but later invited to return
- **If Luther's foundation was “justification by faith”, Calvin's was “the sovereignty of God.” If Luther's creed was “the just shall live by faith,” Calvin's was “Thy will be done.”**
- Having attended an Augustine church and studying Augustine’s writings extensively. Calvin was greatly influenced by the early Christian theologian.
- Preached over 2,000 sermons in Geneva – 2x on Sunday 3x during the week
- Believed the Word mixed with the Spirit is what shaped the true church.
- Using God’s Word as his pattern – he organized the church
  - Outlined 4 permanent orders of ministry: pastors, teachers, elders, deacons.
  - Encompassed all of church life – worship, education, holy living, acts of service
  - Pastors: pray, preach – not wear themselves out doing all the visiting/caring
  - Teachers: teaching theology, guard the purity of the gospel – lecture to educate the congregation & to equip prospective pastors
  - Elders: chosen by the lead pastor – responsible of overseeing the spiritual life of the church
  - Deacons: chosen to serve, oversee & manage the church’s financial & social affairs
- Calvin reintroduced the biblical practice of personal counseling, corporate worship, congregational singing, elders caring, praying for the sick

**Life in the Spirit:**

- **Believed the entire universe, like the church, had been created by a collaborative effort of the Word and the Spirit.**
- **The Spirit played such a vital and pivotal role in shaping the universe and creating order out of chaos that, if suddenly withdrawn, the entire cosmic structure would collapse.**
- **Within this order, the Spirit was both the source and the sustainer of life-giving power.**
- **The Holy Spirit is also the source of particular gifts and fruit poured out on God's people**





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- The church represents the restoration of order in the world
- Believers are enriched with spiritual gifts for the building up of the entire Christian community
- Christ is intimately associated with and in touch with his body, the church, through the presence of the Spirit.
- Believed the gifts were for his day
- DID NOT believe in healing for his day
- Gift of tongues, like healing, as a temporary gift given to early Christian missionaries that enabled them to speak in foreign languages unfamiliar to them – *xenoglossy*
- Did admit they were also to be “an ornament to the gospel” - *glossolalia*

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**Closing...**

**ASK:**

- How does the Holy Spirit open our eyes?
- Is there something getting between me & the Holy Spirit that is stopping Him from opening my eyes? (fear, expectations, etc...)
- What am I willing to do with what the Holy Spirit shows me?
- Are there always...
  - Consequences?
  - Outcomes?
  - Results?
- Should there always be?



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**Notes:**

**Apostles Creed**

The Apostle's Creed (baptism confession in 2<sup>nd</sup> century Rome)

"I believe in **God Almighty**, and in Christ Jesus, his only Son our Lord, who is born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and was buried, and the third day rose from the dead, who ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father whence he comes to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy church, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and the life everlasting."

**The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.