

Acts of Jesus, Lesson 5: You Will Receive Power, Part 2 notes

- Last time we started a study of the Holy Spirit and His coming on the day of Pentecost
- Since a good definition of the Church is: Those people in whom God dwells through His Holy Spirit
- This is a subject we cannot just touch on because it is central to who we are.
- 1. **Let me begin by saying that it is not easy being the Holy Spirit: I Cor. 2:14**
- He has a history of being: Resisted (v. 14a), Ridiculed (v. 14b), Misunderstood (v. 14c)
- With this as His record I think it will be easy to understand why we tend know the least about the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.
- Probably the most important question is: "who is the Spirit": **He is God**
- Of course, there are many verses which demonstrate that God and the Spirit of God are synonymous. **Ps. 139:7**
- Common sense would say that the spirit of something is the essence of it, likewise the Spirit of God is the very essence of God Himself.
- If anyone has a question as to His equality with God and His place in the Trinity, let them keep this verse in mind: **Mt. 12:31-32**
- Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit the unforgivable sin? Simple put: Because it puts a person outside God's forgiveness (notice: "will not forgive" not "cannot forgive")
- A Believer cannot commit this sin. Why? You'll see!!
 1. The Spirit convicts of sin and wrongdoing **John 16:7-11**
 2. The Spirit births us into God's family **Titus 3:5, John 3:5**
 3. The Spirit guides us into all truth **John 16:13**
 4. The Spirit transforms us. **II Cor. 3:18**
 5. The Spirit seals us. **Eph. 1:13-14**
 6. The Spirit lives in us. **Rom. 8:9**
- It should be clear that to resist Him and blaspheme Him is the unpardonable sin:
- A person who does such: -Does not receive conviction about sin
 - Does not receive birth into God's family
 - Is not guided into all truth
 - Is not transformed
 - Is not sealed
 - Does not have the Spirit living in them.
- The Spirit certainly does reside in all believers. But He most certainly does not **preside over** all believers.
- The Spirit's **presence** is standard, but His **filling** is optional.
- Can you survive without it?---Sure, but not abundantly!!

A full life for us is a "Full" life----are you living it?