

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

A NO-NONSENSE, BIBLICAL LOOK AT THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

December 13, 2020

Spirit and Truth Part 4: The Holy Spirit and the New Covenant (2)
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

I. WHAT IS A COVENANT? (Gen 17:7-8)

II. HOW MANY COVENANTS ARE THERE?

A. The Covenant with Noah - to preserve creation (Gen 9:9-16)

B. The Covenant with Abraham - the promise of land, seed and universal blessing through Adam (12:1-3, 13:14-17, 15:1-7, 17:1-8)

C. The Covenant with Moses/at Sinai - a covenant with Israel to keep in the land and bless them (Lev 18:5; Ex 31:16-17)

D. The Covenant with David - the promise of a king who rule eternally over God's people (2 Samuel 7:12-17)

III. WHAT IS THE NEW COVENANT? (Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:25-27)

An unconditional and eternal covenant whereby God enables and empowers his people to serve him willingly and to remain in his blessings. - MacArthur and Mayhue

IV. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE NEW COVENANT? (2 Cor 3:6-18)

A. Through the New Covenant, the Spirit Ministers Life to Us (2 Cor 3:6)

B. Through the New Covenant, the Spirit Produces Righteousness (3:7a, 8-9)

C. Through the New Covenant, We Have Permanent and Lasting Blessing (3:7b, 10-11)

D. _____ (3:12)

E. _____ (3:13-16)

F. _____ (3:17)

G. _____ (3:18)

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In today's message, we talked about the Spirit and our evangelism. Do you find yourself weak in this area? How can a vital relationship with the Holy Spirit help?

How does the coming of Christ impact the way in which we read the Old Testament? Can we truly understand it without the person and work of Christ?

Look at the following passages - how do they help us understand man's blindness to spiritual things?

Jeremiah 17:9

Mark 7:21-23

John 3:3, 5

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

How much of your Christian life is being lived by faith? How much of it is lived by self-reliance/willpower?

Resources: *This list of resources is designed to address topics raised in the message in more details. The inclusion of the resources here does mean total endorsement of every "jot and tittle" and of course, I encourage you to be a Berean and test all things (Acts 17:11, 1 Thess 5:21) and to pray through the text we've studied, trusting the Lord to grant further understanding.*

*** denotes a "top pick" resource*

Something to Read:

*** Sanctification: The Christian's Pursuit of God-Given Holiness - Mike Riccardi*

*** Living by God's Promises - Joel Beeke*

Personal Declension and Revival of Religion in the Soul - Octavius Winslow

Something to Listen to (unless otherwise noted, all messages are available on YouTube):

Experiencing the Holy Spirit - Sinclair Ferguson (SermonAudio)

The Holy Spirit and You - Jay Adams (SermonAudio)

The Role of the Holy Spirit in World Evangelism - John Piper