

# LIVING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Class 6: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

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## I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

### A. Creation

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And *the Spirit of God* was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And *God said*, "Let there be light," and there was light. (<sup>ESV</sup> Genesis 1:2-3)

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and *by the breath of his mouth* all their host. <sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! (<sup>ESV</sup> Psalm 33:6-8)

### B. Consummation

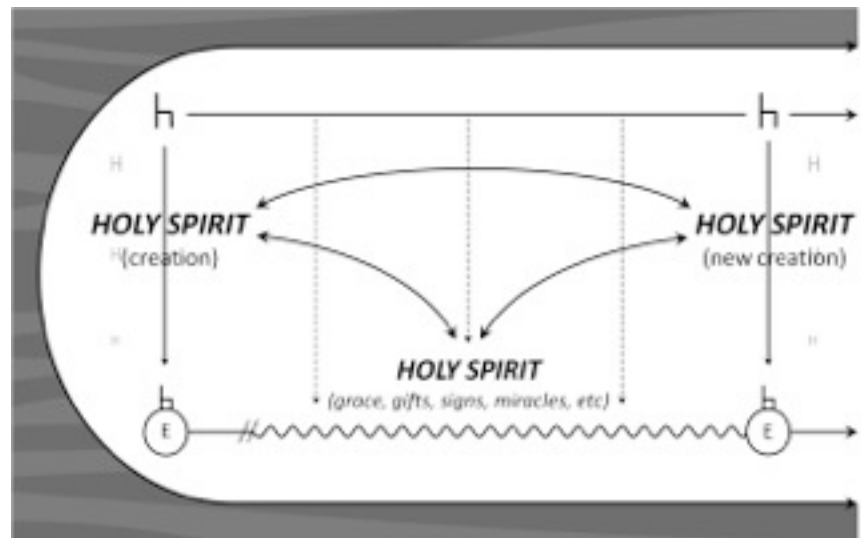
And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in *the regeneration* [Gk. *paliggenesia*, "renewal" NIV/NLT, "new world" ESV] when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (<sup>NASB</sup> Matthew 19:28)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also *give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit*, who lives in you... <sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed... <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have *the firstfruits of the Spirit*, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, *the redemption of our bodies*. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. (<sup>NIV</sup> Romans 8:11-24)

### C. This Age

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in *the Holy Spirit*, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and *the powers of the coming age*, <sup>6</sup> if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance... (<sup>NIV</sup> Hebrews 6:4-6)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have *a building from God*, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with *our heavenly dwelling*, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan



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and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with *our heavenly dwelling*, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us *the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come*. (NIV 2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

## II. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

### A. The Counselor

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- <sup>17</sup> *the Spirit of truth*. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you... <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach you all things* and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (NIV John 14:16-26)

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, *he will testify about me*. <sup>27</sup> And *you also must testify*, for you have been with me from the beginning. (NIV John 15:26-27)

### B. The Witness

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for *the gift my Father promised*, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be *baptized with the Holy Spirit*... <sup>8</sup> you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and *you will be my witnesses* in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (NIV Acts 1:4-8)

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed *as judge of the living and the dead*. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him *receives forgiveness of sins* through his name." <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, *the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message*. (NIV Acts 10:42-44)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and *proclaim the gospel* to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized *will be saved*, but whoever does not believe *will be condemned*. <sup>17</sup> And *these signs will accompany those who believe*: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." ... <sup>20</sup> And they went out and *preached everywhere*, while the Lord worked with them and *confirmed the message by accompanying signs*. (ESV Mark 16:15-20)

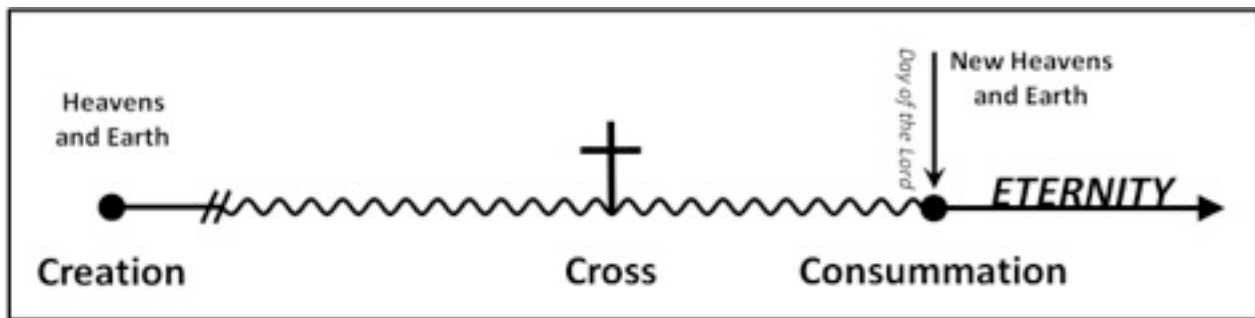
## III. THE TESTIMONY OF THE CROSS

### A. Confirmation of Grace

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed... <sup>3</sup> So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who *confirmed the message of his grace* by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders. (NIV Acts 14:1-3)

In love he *predestined us for adoption* through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have *redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses*, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will... <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, *the gospel of your salvation*, and believed in him, were *sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*, <sup>14</sup> who is the *guarantee of our inheritance* until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (ESV Ephesians 1:5-14)

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants *to continue to speak your word with all boldness*, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *continued to speak the word of God with boldness*. (ESV Acts 4:29-31)



## B. Walking According to the Spirit

"I have been *crucified with Christ* and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not *set aside the grace of God*, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" <sup>3:1</sup> You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed *as crucified*. <sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit *by observing the law, or by believing* what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to *attain your goal* by human effort? <sup>4</sup> Have you suffered so much for nothing—if it really was for nothing? <sup>5</sup> Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you *because you observe the law, or because you believe* what you heard? (NIV Galatians 2:20-3:5)

Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the real circumcision, *who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh*— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for *confidence in the flesh*, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of *knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count

them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> *and be found in him*, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may *attain the resurrection from the dead*. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: *forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead*, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (ESV Philippians 3:2-14)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh *and for sin*, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, *who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh *set their minds on the things of the flesh*, but those who live according to the Spirit *set their minds on the things of the Spirit*. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (ESV Romans 8:1-6)

### C. The Apostolic End

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for *the gift my Father promised*, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... <sup>8</sup> you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and *you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*. (NIV Acts 1:4-8)

For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has committed them all to disobedience, *that He might have mercy on all...* <sup>12:1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you *present your bodies a living sacrifice*, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And *do not be conformed to this world* (Gk. *aiōn*), but be transformed by *the renewing of your mind*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV Romans 11:30-12:2)