

2021

# SCHOOL OF HEALING

*Ministry & Skills for the Journey of Christian Healing*





## May 1st

### Theodicy and the Problem of Evil



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*Values That Heal*



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about when..

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## SoH 21:4

### The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit






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## SoH21:4 Programme

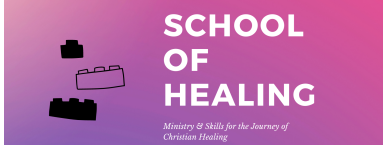


- 10:00 - Part One: The Person and Gifts of the Spirit
- 10:40 - Break (10 minutes)
- 10:50 - Part Two: Encountering the Spirit
- 11:20 - Break
- 11:30 - Part Three: Jesus and the Spirit
- 12:00 - Break
- 12:10 - Part Four: 15 minutes of prayer and ministry
- 12:35 - Part Five: Word of Knowledge - Good, Bad, & Ugly
- 13:00 - Close



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## SoH 21:4 Part One

### The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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## The Person and Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Healing ministry

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## The Holy Spirit



- At the heart of God is a relationship : Trinity – tri-unity
- The Personhood of God requires 3 persons!
- A person with personality - not “the force”
- ‘You cannot have humanity with more emotion than deity.’
- Has relational characteristics
  - Grieved
  - Jealous



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## The Holy Spirit



- Creation** – Gen 1
- OT history**
  - Anointing prophets, kings, judges
  - Empowering deliverers
  - E.g. David – 1 Sam 16



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## The Holy Spirit

### Present in the Life and Ministry of Jesus

- Incarnation – Lk 1
- Baptism – Lk 3
- Ministry of Jesus
- Resurrection – Rom 8:11
- Birth of the Church – Acts 2
- Second coming of Christ – Rev 22



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## The Holy Spirit & the healing ministry



### The Gifts

**Acts 1:8**  
“...But 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.”



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## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



- Gifts are given, fruit is grown
  - Fruit – formed in us
  - Gifts – flow through us
- Fruit without gifts is powerless
- Gifts without fruit is dangerous



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## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### Various lists of Giftings

- 1 Cor 12:7 – 11
- 1 Cor 12:27 – 31
- Eph 4:11
- Rom 12:6 – 8



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## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



### Foundations:

- Submitting – Jesus is Lord. (1 Cor 12:3)
  - It has to be ‘by the Spirit’
- Serving – Build up the Church (1 Cor 12:7 / 14:12)



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## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



- 1 Cor 12: 7 – 11
- God is a giving God!
- God is a grace God!
  - Charismata(Gk) gracelets (grace gifts)
- Not badges - they say nothing about our goodness but everything about His grace
- They speak of his nature - Healing/ Prophecy/wisdom/Tongues



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## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



### 3 classifications of gifts – 1 Cor 12

#### Gifts to speak.

- Tongues, interpretation, prophecy

#### Gifts to act.

- Healings, miracles, faith

#### Gifts to know.

- Discerning of spirits, wisdom, knowledge



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## Gifts to speak

### Tongues

- *The ability to speak in a “language” that the speaker has not learnt; that he/she does not understand and that is incomprehensible to the speaker*
- Either human or heavenly -(1 Cor. 13:1)



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## Gifts to speak

### Interpretation of tongues

- *The ability to makes sense of what has been said in an unknown tongue, when this has been done in a public setting.*
- Interpretation not translation
- To bring explanation and understanding
- If you speak in tongues you can interpret – 1 Cor 14:13



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## Gifts to speak

### Prophecy

- *The ability to bring a direct message from God for the situation or people on hand.*
- Forth-telling not foretelling (Fed Ex)
- Some prophecy does have an unconditional quality about it
- Some prophecy is conditional / us fulfilling our part



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## Gifts to act

### Faith

- *An injection or explosion of trust in God above and beyond what is normal for us in our daily walk with God. (usually in times of extreme need or responsibility.*
- Different from “salvation faith”



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## Gifts to act

### Miracles

- *The working of God through us in such a way that “natural” laws are suspended and surpassed.*
- Miracles flow out of compassion not ‘feeling’ powerful
- A supernatural God!



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## Gifts to act

### Gifts of healings

- *The ability to impart or deliver the specific gift of another person’s healing into their body.*
- Healing by faith in the name of Jesus
- Gk is plural – gifts of healings



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## Gifts to know

### The word of knowledge

- *The ability to know what is in the heart of God or the heart of man or woman*
- Information from heaven
- Not “knowledge/Bible knowledge” – but the specific revelatory activity of God



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## Gifts to know

### The word of wisdom

- *The ability to bring heavenly wisdom into a situation thus demolishing the arguments of men and prospering the purposes of God*
- How to answer / act
- How to apply the Scriptures to life



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## Gifts to know

### The discerning of spirits

- *The ability to know the spiritual source or origin of someone, something or a situation*
- 1 John 4:1 “Test the spirits...”
- Characteristics / immediate impact



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# SoH 21:4 Part Two

## The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit



# Encountering the Spirit

## Biblical symbols of the Spirit

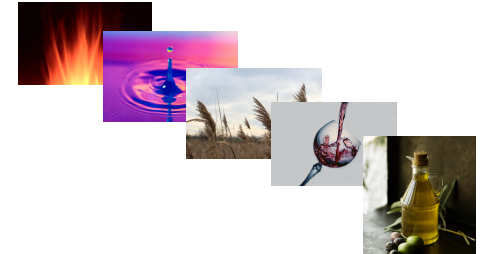
Pictures to aid understanding

Revealing something about Jesus



# The Holy Spirit seen as:

- Fire
- Water
- Wind
- Wine
- Oil



# The Holy Spirit

- Signs are a helpful indication of what might be taking place
- They are not essential nor sometimes a reliable presentation of reality
- Keep your eyes open
- Ask the Lord to show you what is happening by his Spirit - do not just look at any 'signs'



# The Holy Spirit - Fire

Manifestation	Reference	Explanation
Heat	Acts 2	Cleansing the flesh
Burning	Matt 3:11	Passion sacrifice
Electricity		Empowering for service



# The Holy Spirit - Water

Manifestation	Reference	Explanation
Refreshing	John 7:38/39	Filling
Cleansing		Purity
Tears		Repentance sorrowing
Thirst	John 4	Increasing our desire for God



# The Holy Spirit - Wind

Manifestation	Reference	Explanation
Breeze	John 3:8	New direction
Breathing		Expansion of capacity/spirit
Shaking		God setting free - loosing



# The Holy Spirit - Wine

Manifestation	Reference	Explanation
Joy	Ephesians 5:18	Restoring joy of salvation
Laughter		Breaking the control of the mind
Intoxication	Acts 2	God taking control



# The Holy Spirit - Oil

Manifestation	Reference	Explanation
Holiness	Isaiah 61:1	Anointing for service
Healing	Luke 5:17	Anointing for healing
Peace		Comfort sanctification



## The Holy Spirit



### When the Holy Spirit comes – Acts 2/1 Sam 16

- The Holy Spirit comes at the place of unity
- The Holy Spirit redefines normality
- The Holy Spirit imparts ministry
- The Holy Spirit responds to purity



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## The Holy Spirit



### The Holy Spirit comes at the place of unity

- Acts 2
- A book of revival
- A book of Community
- A book of “togetherness”
- 1:6/13 2:1/44/46 4:24



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## The Holy Spirit



### The Holy Spirit redefines normality

- Changing the standard of “normal”
  - Not everyone liked it!
  - A new level of engagement with God
  - A new level of engagement with the enemy
- Spirit led church
  - Trouble - even in obedience
  - Triumph - even in suffering



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## The Holy Spirit



### The Holy Spirit imparts ministry

- Empowered to preach, praise, prophesy
  - Acts 1:8 “power” to be witnesses
  - Jesus is the focus
- Empowered to serve others - 2:42
- The Holy Spirit is a missionary Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is a “grace” Spirit



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## The Holy Spirit



### The Holy Spirit responds to purity

- Conviction – “What shall we do?”
  - A desire to be right with God
  - A desire to be right with others
- Hunger- not lack, but desire
  - Rituals cannot satisfy
  - Reality is a person - Jesus



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## SoH 21:4 Part Three



### The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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## The Ministry of Jesus



- The healing of the Paralytic – Mark 2:1-12
- The Healing of the Blind man – Mark 8:22-26
- The Raising of the Widow’s son – Luke 7:11-17

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## The Ministry of Jesus



### The healing of the Paralytic – Mark 2:1-12

- Word of knowledge
- Discerning of spirits
- Healing – body and soul
- Word of wisdom



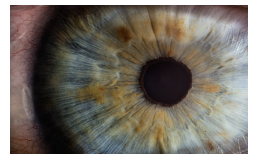
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## The Ministry of Jesus



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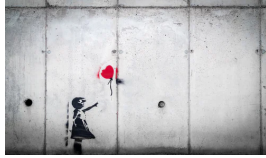
- Word of wisdom – location : methodology
- Word of knowledge – home; not to the village
- Discerning of spirits – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase
- Healing – 2 stages : for the man’s benefit



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## The Ministry of Jesus

- The Raising of the Widow's son – Luke 7:11-17
- Word of Knowledge
- Prophetic word
- Miracle



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## SoH 21:4 Part Four

Prayer and Ministry:  
15 minutes of grace



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## SoH 21:4 Part Five The Ministry and Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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## The Word of Knowledge

### Definition

- What is it?
- What is it for?

### When it works

- When it helps - context
- How it helps - confirmation



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## The Word of Knowledge

### When it doesn't work

- When it hurts
  - Disappointment
  - Exclusivity

### Open to abuse

- 'Cold reading' - even unintentional
- Correct use not non-use
- When it operates as a curse!



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## The Word of Knowledge

### Key questions to ask

- Revelation or reiteration?
- Public or private?
- Speaking or praying?
- Who needs to know it was me?

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## The Word of Knowledge

### The good news...

- God likes to talk to you
- Jesus used it
- It is in God's interest for you to get it right
- We can learn and get better
- You don't have to dress it up - make it natural
- Leave people with the Giver

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