

THREE IN ONE

“The Holy Spirit”- Ephesians 1:13-14, John 16:4-15, Acts 1:4-8
January 17th, 2016

OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Ephesians 1:13-14, John 16:4-15, Acts 1:4-8

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. As Paul concludes his description of the Trinity’s activity in life and redemption, he talks about the role of the Spirit. What does he say about the Spirit’s role in these verses?
2. In these verses, Paul gives a list that could be called the “sequence of salvation”, and traces the whole process back to the Spirit’s activity in our lives.
 - Hearing the Gospel message- How did you first hear the Gospel message? What role does the Spirit play in “hearing”?
 - Belief- What does it mean to believe? What makes faith “saving faith”? What role did the Spirit play in belief?
 - Sealed- What does it mean that you are “sealed”? What difference does that make?
3. Read John 16:4-5. This was Jesus speaking to the disciples on the night before he was crucified.
 - What does he emphasize to them about the Holy Spirit?
 - Why does Jesus say that it is to our advantage that he goes away and the Spirit comes?
 - What does Jesus describe as the primary roles of the Spirit in John 16:8-11?
4. Read Acts 1:4-8.
 - What does Jesus tell them to wait for in verse 4? Why would he say this?
 - What does Jesus tell them will happen when the Spirit comes (v.8)?
 - How does the rest of the book of Acts and New Testament fulfill this? How are the disciples different following the coming of the Holy Spirit?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

-A.W. Tozer

NEXT STEPS:

- What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit? What is your background and has shaped your view of the Holy Spirit? What role does the Spirit play in your life on a daily basis?
- How have you seen the Spirit “awaken” you to life and redemption? What do you see, understand, and appreciate now that you were blind to previously? Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to awaken you to God, His Voice, and His will for your life.
- Are you living with the power that Jesus promised his disciples in Acts 1:8? Why? Why not?
- Many people feel as if they need more of the Spirit. However, the Holy Spirit fully indwells those who are in Christ. So, the question is not how much of the Spirit you have. The question is how much of you the Spirit has. Are you fully submitted to him and walking with him? Are you listening to him? Are you living with expectancy and looking for opportunities to experience his power as you love others?