

John 14:15-18
What Jesus Has to Say About the
Holy Spirit Part 1
- Red Letters Series –

I am always fascinated by what is on peoples mind when they are nearing death.

A)Last words of people who are near death tells a lot about – fears, hopes, concerns and who they love,

B)For instance – Before John Wayne died at the age of 72 he turned to his wife and said **“Of course I know who you are. You’re my girl. I love you.”**

C)Reggae Legend Bob Marley uttered these final words to his son Ziggy - **“Money can’t buy life.”**

D)Karl Marx – was asked by his nurse if he had any last words: His response: **“Last words are for fools who haven’t said enough.”**

What is interesting about that statement is Karl Marx was an atheist –

A)The Bible says – **“The fool has said in his heart there is no God.”**

B)When Marx - breathed his last – he unfortunately discovered who the real fool was!

What was Jesus thinking about and concerned with on the night before his death? - You and Me!

A)Jesus last words are recorded for us in John 13-17

We get a glimpse of what was on his heart/mind

B)You know what was on his heart before he died?

1)Making sure his followers had all that they needed in order for living and carrying out their mission.

C)For that reason - Jesus spent a significant amount of that time talking about the Holy Spirit

1)And his role in the life of his followers

D)The Ministry of the Holy Spirit is essential for being who God has called us to be in this world

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is going to the focus of our next three studies in our Red Letters series

A)Relevance? If there was ever a time for Christ followers to be living supernaturally it is now

B)Ever a time walk in the power and leading and love of the Holy Spirit it is now.

C)Jesus last words to his disciples was essential for them in their day – Live for Jesus – fulfill calling –

1)Impact their world –

D)And it EQUALLY essential for us

¹⁵“If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Jesus is here in the upper room: Been saying some pretty Challenging things to his disciples

A)Wash feet – Servants love – **Love one another as He loved them**

B)One Betray/ All forsake/ Peter deny / {**Shocking- the last guy to deny**}

C)I am leaving / Comfort – Heaven

And Here He tells His disciples if they really love Him they will show it by keeping His commandments – **This is some overwhelming stuff here**

A)But here is the answer – Jesus says – I will not leave you orphans – **not abandoning them in other words**

B)I am going to send another Helper – who will abide with you forever!

1)When Jesus says **another**: Literally Another of the same Kind ! – Same Stock Someone JUST LIKE ME!

C)In fact in V.18 he clarifies even more says **¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**

D)He is going to come to them – But it would just be in a different form –

1)not in a human body but through his Spirit

Let's talk about our relationship to the Holy Spirit

#1 He is a person- not a force

A) 3rd person of the triune Godhead – God the father – God the son – God the Holy Spirit

B) Note the personal pronouns attributed to the Holy Spirit in our text – The Helper

- V.16 He abides with us forever
- V.17 the world doesn't see him or know him
- V.17 He dwells with you –
- V.17 He can be known

Often times within the Christian Church the Holy Spirit is communicated as this Electricity / this Power / this Impersonal force -

A) Luke Skywalker the *Force be w/ you Luke* that makes You – do weird things

B) People talk about getting the *Holy Ghost goose Bumps*

1) **Holy Ghost Charge up** – like getting our batteries Charged before we go out witnessing o

C) In Some circles – the Holy Spirit is seen as **this impersonal Power** – thrown at the audience like a Frisbee - they fall over

D) Benny Hinn – used his coat to throw the HS at the Crowd or Blow the Holy Spirit on people

1) Now we would never think **throwing God the Father** or throwing Jesus at the Crowd –

We need to understand – that the HS is the 3rd person of the Triune Godhead –

A) And although he doesn't have a Body – He lacks no personality

B) Not a force – not electricity – not a power

1) He **supplies power** but He is not A power

Here in V17 Jesus introduces two of the three relationships that a person can have with the Holy Spirit

A) but you know **Him**, for **He** dwells with you and will be in you.

B) He is **with** you – Para = alongside you - He was beside them because he was in Jesus.

C) And the Holy Spirit is **with** every man in the sense of seeking to draw them to Christ

1) Knocking on the door of their hearts

But Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be in them!

A) In is en – **inside you permanently**

B) Different from with them – actually indwelling them –

1) That is what happens when we put our faith in Jesus – born again

C) The Holy Spirit takes up residence in your heart and brings your spirit to life.

So when did this happen to the Disciples?

Turn to John 20:19-23- After the Resurrection

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His side.** Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

That is when they were indwelt with the Holy Spirit – now residing in them.

A) Prior to that time no one was indwelt with the Holy Spirit

B) Because the Holy Spirit of God can only reside in a Pure Vessel –

1) Jesus death and Resurrection made the way for us to be made pure – **Sins forgiven cleansed** – Brand New

C) Now we read in Matthew/ Mark's gospel – that the Lord gave them instructions for reaching the world

Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Mark 16:15

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

That was their mission that was their mandate – but before they went out – ONE THING was needed

A)3rd aspect of the Holy Spirit ministry in their lives

Turn to Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Whole new word being used here: The Holy Spirit is going to come upon you –

A)Jesus referred to this as the baptism of the Holy Spirit

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

B)This is what it looks like V.8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**

C)Baptized = immersed or overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit

1)The Holy Spirit comes upon you

D)Upon is epi in the Greek coincides with baptized by = immersed or overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit

Our relationship to the Holy Spirit

A)With us prior to Salvation

In us after Salvation – indwelling

B)Comes upon us when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

C)I ask – have you ever been baptized with the Holy Spirit? - **Sure you baptized me.....**

D)Water baptism is you identifying yourself with Jesus – waters of baptism

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is something that Jesus does to you

A)Fills you to overflowing with his Holy Spirit

B)The best way to understand what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is this:

1)It is not you getting more of the Holy Spirit – You have all of the Holy Spirit in you – saved

C)So it is not you getting more of the Holy Spirit – but it is the Holy Spirit getting more of you!

Example Go down to the ocean – put your feet in the water – You have all the ocean you ever need right there

A)Walk out – Knee deep – still standing {still in control.

B) Wade out over your head – suddenly the ocean is in control of you.

1) Swim against or go with the flow

C) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit happens when a believer says – **I want you to have all of me**

1) I want you Lord to move me! – I want to go with the flow of your moving in my life

2nd The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

V.8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

A)Power is Dunamis – we get our English words Dynamite and Dynamic from this word.

B)**Power to be witnesses** – Power and a boldness to tell others about Jesus.

C)We see this in the Apostles

1)They were transformed from these cowardly men who fled on the night of Christ arrest –

D)**To a band of men – now united & bold in sharing Christ and willing to die for Him.**

We see this especially in Peter in Acts 2 standing out in a crowd of at least 3,000 and boldly proclaiming –

A) You KILLED the MESSIAH

B) This is only after 40 days before – He is sitting around a fire – servant girls – denied 3 times

1) There was a transformation in His Character and boldness

C) So it is power from the Holy Spirit to tell others about Jesus

1) Power to be a blessing to others

But the Word Witness is actually the word Martyr in the Greek – one who is willing to die for Jesus

A) So we could also say the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is boldness and power to be 100% for Jesus

B) No longer being wishy washy in our faith and our commitment.

C) But I want to point out one more thing that Paul said about this Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Ephesians

In Ephesians chapter 5 – Paul makes this statement – walk worthy of your calling.

A) A lifestyle that is worthy – matches your profession as a Christ follower

B) Then Paul is going to tell us what that is supposed to look like in the area of Marriage/ Parenting

C) The work place – and then he is going to finish all of that off – talking about Spiritual warfare

1) Standing strong in the power of the Lord over the Devil and the forces of darkness

D) But before he says one word to Husbands and wives/ one word to parents/ employees/ employers

1) Before he says one word about – Spiritual warfare

Paul says this: Ephesians 5:18 - 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

A) The word filled is used in the books of Acts to describe this baptism/ this coming upon of the Holy Spirit

B) Filled to overflowing

C) This is the implication – If in our daily lives we are going to be the Husbands, wives, parents

1) Workers and bosses – that God has called us to be we need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit

D) The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Power to tell others about Jesus
- Power to be a blessing to others
- Power to live 100% for Jesus
- Power to enable us to carry out our functions as believers

3rd How do we receive this baptism of the Holy Spirit?

A) Stand on your head – memorize 1000 verses – Go on 10 mission trips - No it is simple

B) Notice in Acts 1:4 The promise of the Father

C) 2 Corinthians 1:20 – All the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ

1) Promises of the NT are based on who we are in Christ – His performance not ours

In Luke's Gospel Jesus gives a powerful analogy!

Luke 11:11-13 “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

D) This is what is so exciting to me about receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Just ask!

1) Just ask – Your Father – who loves to give good gifts to HIS KIDS – He will give you the Holy Spirit

4th How often can you be baptized or filled with the Spirit? One time thing?

A) Acts 2 initial happening – The day of Pentecost

B) Acts 2:1-4

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the

Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

C)Acts 4:8 Peter has another Preaching opportunity

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

Then toward the end of Chapter 4 we see the same group as in Acts 2 together – but it has grown

A)They are facing persecution and they start praying for boldness to speak the word

V.31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

B)Here we see it happening again. –

1)So it is obvious it happens more than once!

C) Paul in Ephesians 5:18 -And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

D) Literally be continually being filled. DAILY

I think that we should daily be praying Lord – fill me baptize me, empower me –

A)Empower me to be the Husband, wife, parent, worker –

B)Empower me to stand strong in the battle

C)Lord fill me afresh so that I can:

- **boldly tell others about Jesus**
- **be a blessing to others**
- **live 100% for Jesus**
- **carry out our functions as believers**

D)DL Moody You know why I need to be refilled? I leak !

Closing today:

A)Perhaps you are a Christian here today – you lack boldness to talk about Jesus

B)Or you continually lack strength to live for the Lord 100%

C)Or failing in your relationship with spouse

1)Struggling as a parent

D)Losing in your fight with the Devil

The very thing that could be missing in your life is that you have never been baptized in the Holy Spirit

A)Encourage you today – Ask – we want to pray for you – pastors and prayer team up front

B)But I also believe there are some of you here who have been baptized in spirit

C)Lately you have felt weak and dry in your walk with the Lord -

1)What you need today is a fresh filling

D)A fresh touch

E)Stand and ask – Hands outstretched – Kneel

Jesus made this statement

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.” Mark 2:22

A)New wineskins is actually fresh wineskins

B)Maybe today you feel like an old wineskin

- **An old wineskin can become fresh through the rubbing of oil.**

C)Oil in scripture is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

D)Ask Jesus today to fill you afresh