

ESSENTIALS - Dave Solmes

Spirit: Gifts - Pt.2 | Acts 2:1-8 | May 23, 2021

Read: Acts 2:1-8

Read: John 14:16-17

Question: In what ways do we see God's plan to draw near to people unfold in Scripture?

Examples:

The Garden of Eden - Gen. 3

The Tabernacle - Exodus 40:34

The Temple: 2 Chronicles 5:14

Jesus - Full of the Spirit

Question: What is the most significant part of the story found in Acts 2:1-8?

Answer: The most meaningful was what happened within the lives of the disciples. On the day of Pentecost, we see God's last stop before the day in the future when He ushers in a new heaven and a new earth for all eternity. This "last stop" is the dwelling of the Holy Spirit literally within the actual body of the Christian.

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:19

2 Promises Mentioned in Acts 1:8 and seen Fulfilled in Acts 2:1-8

1st Promise: Acts 1:8 - "You will receive power when the holy spirit comes up you."

Question: What other word would be appropriate than “power?”

Answer: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the infilling of a helper - to establish God’s kingdom with us, within us, and around us.

2nd Promise: Acts 1:8: “And you will be my Witnesses.”

The Holy Spirit’s ongoing work enables us to be a witness.

Read: Acts 2:4

Question: How does the Infilling of the Holy Spirit enable our witness?

By giving a Christian the gift of another tongue (inspired speech).

Question: Why would that be an important gift?

Answer: If at any time a Christian doubted that they were empowered by God to be a witness they would simply be able to reference the gift of inspired speech (another language) to confirm the fact that God has truly filled them and does dwell within their very lives. What a gift. A constant reminder that our lives are more than about what are thinking and feeling. We are filled with the very presence of God. A God who is here to influence our thinking and our feelings.

By giving a gift that allows more intimate and relational prayer

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:2

Question: What is the gift of tongues?

The Bible teaches that God created us with the totality of a body (frame) , soul (inner man), and spirit. When we pray with tongues we are relying on the most important part of our being - which our spirit. What a gift: Our spirit talks to God using the gift of a mysterious language - Bible describes it as tongues.

Question: What happens when we pray in tongues?

Many Christians are most familiar with prayer in their first language - a prayer that involves our mind, our emotions, reason. HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. Praying in tongues is another type of prayer. Praying in tongues is one of the most personal verbal exchanges a Christian will ever have. While it does involve our mind, will, and our emotions praying in tongues allows to get out of the way so your spirit can commune with the Father. It is less about getting our words right, articulating concerns and cares.

Read: Romans 8:26

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:4

NOTE: When we speak in tongues our spirit influences our body - by way of strength, courage, healing. When we speak in tongues our spirit influences our soul by renewing our mind, emotions, and giving us greater capacity. =

By giving power (help) so we become confident telling others about Jesus

This is how the kingdom of God comes to be understood by way of good works (seen by the fruit of the Spirit and gifts of the spirit, and by way of verbal witness.

Read: Romans 10:15

Final Thoughts:

Question: Where are you at with building a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Question: What are practical things you can do to receive the Holy Spirit?