

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# The Holy Spirit

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Time Change:** Daylight Savings Time began today!

**Pray:** Wayne Ezell is In the hospital, Darlene Smith, Carla Gillespie, Chris Aumick is having medical problems, Robert and Aubrey Perea, Ben and Carla's grand-son, Wayne Ezell, Herb and Jean, Danesa, and Peggy Beebe

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Hans and Danesa will be traveling later this month.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." **John 14:26 (NKJV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me." **Psalms 51:10-11 (NKJV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 81/62 Record: 107**

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear .....	Romans 10:17
Believe .....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent .....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess .....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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## The Holy Spirit

We should finish our study of the book of Acts within a couple of weeks. It has been an exhaustive study, and probably some of us thought that lasted too long. However, Acts is the pivotal book in the New Testament.

The Gospels generally describe why we are Christians. They contain the good news; that Jesus is God (John 1:1, Heb 1:8), that He was born of a virgin (Luke 1:27), that He lived and taught in Israel (Mat 15:24), that He died on a cross (Mark 15:30-39), that He was buried, that He arose on the third day (Mark 16:6), that He ascended back into Heaven where He is sitting at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19).

The pastoral epistles, Romans through Jude, generally tell us how to live as Christians. We are to turn away from worldly living (Gal 5:19-21) and demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-24). And we are to grow as Christians (2 Peter 1:5-11). These epistles also teach us about prayer (Romans 12:12, Eph 6:18, James 5:15 and others), marriage (1 Cor 7), faith (Hebrews 11) and so many other aspects of Christian living that we do not have room to mention them all here. And the Revelation tells us that the battle is won. Jesus has defeated sin, death and Satan and has secured victory for all that belong to Him.

But Acts tells us how to become Christians. It is the book that gives us example after example of people who accept Jesus and become Christians. It tells us about 3,000 men on Pentecost day in Jerusalem who are told *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”* **Acts 2:38 (KJV)**. Luke goes on to tell us about Cornelius, a gentile who was baptized by Peter, Saul of Tarsus who met Jesus and was baptized by Ananias, the Samaritans and the eunuch who were baptized by Phillip. In addition Acts tells us clearly that the apostles and Cornelius were the only ones baptized by the Holy Ghost and that the apostles alone had the ability to transfer the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1-2 and Acts 10). Because of these things, it is critical for Christians to understand the book of Acts.

When we finish the study on Acts, we will begin a study of the Holy Spirit. This is a topic that we rarely study in the church today. Part of our reluctance in studying the Holy Spirit is that several denominations (i.e. Pentecostals, Assemblies of God, and churches of God in particular) teach many false doctrines concerning the Spirit. We are reluctant to get into this because we don't want to be viewed as being a part of those groups. However, the Bible has clear and definite teachings on the Holy Ghost that we need to understand, and these are a part of what we will study.

By: Bill Beebe

Our objectives in teaching this course are to allow all of us <sup>1)</sup> define what is meant when we use the word “God”, <sup>2)</sup> describe our understanding of God the Father, <sup>3)</sup> God the Son and <sup>4)</sup> God the Spirit and their relationship, <sup>5)</sup> understand what “Indwelling of the Holy Spirit” consist of, <sup>6)</sup> understand what being “led by the Spirit” means, <sup>7)</sup> describe the “Gift of the Holy Spirit”, <sup>8)</sup> understand when and where the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” took place, and <sup>9)</sup> determine if we should be worshipping the Holy Spirit today.

In the section on what is meant when we use the word “God”, we will look what God is and what God isn't. Then we will consider the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in light of these things. When we get this groundwork established we will look into the rest of the topics mentioned above.

Throughout the years, there have been good and wise brothers and sisters who have had strongly held thoughts about the Holy Spirit and how He works today. Some of those thoughts have been contradictory and on occasion have led to hard feelings and even splits in the churches. We do not want this to happen here! So during this study, we encourage each of you to express your thoughts, ask questions and actively debate the issues concerning the Holy Spirit. However, we do not want anyone to leave the Bible Study with bitterness, nor with questions that they did not ask. I may not be able to answer all your questions immediately but I will work hard to find an answer and provide it at the next Sunday morning adult Bible Class. This study can be enlightening, and it will be interesting especially if everyone participates. I hope to answer all the questions satisfactorily, and if I don't I expect you to let me know so that we both can grow.

We will discuss modern day miracles, direct and extra Biblical communication with the Holy Spirit and other major errors presented as truths by some denominational preachers today. So come with an open mind, a willing heart and an attitude of wanting to learn about the Holy Ghost.

