The Spirit Gives Life

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Introduction:

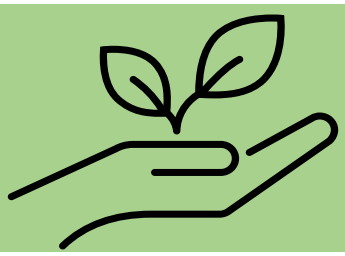
The Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood topics in our day. This class' goal is to clearly understand His work and purpose in the scriptures. If you were to break down the entire bible in 3 parts it is first the Father, then the Son, then the Spirit in that order. We are living in the age of the Spirit. The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17).

The Spirit gives life. From beginning to end that is His work. I am so excited work through the Word with you this quarter. Please note two very important parts of this class:

1.) It is imperative to do the pre-reading for each class. While sometimes it is a lot… .we are noticing themes and patterns. We may not be able to cover every passage in the reading in class but you will have a fuller understanding of the topic at hand.

Lesson 1

Demystifying the Holy Spirit



Why is the Spirit an intimidating topic?

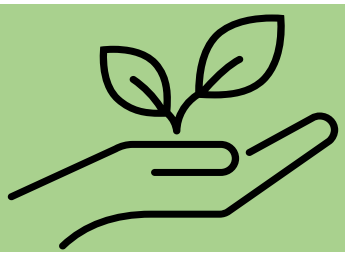
Look up the word *Spirit*. Why would God use that word to describe Himself (John 4:24)?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: John 4:24, Genesis 1:2, Genesis 2:7, Psalm 33:6-9, 104:27-30, Job 27:3, 32:8, Numbers 24:2, Micah 3:8, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Ezekiel 13:3 (1 John 4:1), Matt 10:20, 1 Pet 1:11.

Lesson 2

What was to come?

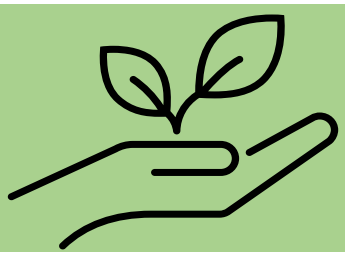


Review: According to Ezekiel what will God's Spirit do?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Isaiah 32:12-20, 35:1-7, 43:16-21, 44:1-5, 59:20-60:1, 61:1-3, (Mark 2:10-11, Matt. 8:16-17, 12:28) Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:4, 16-23.
(Review: Ezk 36:27, 37:14, 39:25,29)

Lesson 3
Bridging the OT to the NT



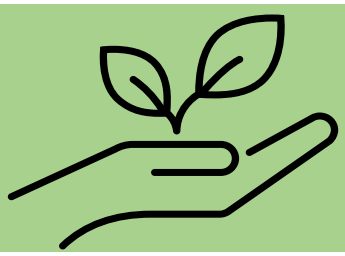
Who is John the Baptist's audience? According to John's gospel, why was Jesus baptized and is there a connection to the prophets?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Luke 3:3-18, (cf. Matthew 3:4-12, Mark 1:4-8) John 1:29-34, Luke 11:11-13

Lesson 4

Jesus' Teaching on the Spirit



What do we learn about the Spirit's relationship **to** Jesus in John 7:37-39.

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: John 4:9-14, 7:37-39, 16:7-15, 20:21-22 (Cf acts 1:2)
Acts 2:22-39, 5:29-32.

Lesson 5

The Spirit in Acts & His Representatives

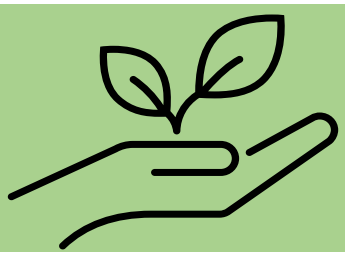


How might Deut. 34:9 and Matt. 10:40 shed light on why Apostles laid hands on disciples?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-15, Heb. 2:3-4, Acts 2:17-22, 43, 4:29-31, 5:12-16, 5:31-32, 6:6-10, 8:5-13, 8:14-20
Deut. 34:9, Matt 10:40.

Lesson 6
The Spirit & Gentiles



Carefully note any details about the Spirit you come across in Acts 10-11.
Also, consult how Luke uses “believe/d” (2:44, 4:4, 32)

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Acts 10:1- 11:18, cf. Numb. 11:25

Lesson 7

The Spirit & Salvation by Faith in Christ



Consider how Galatians 3 ties into arguments made in Acts 11 and 15.

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Acts 15:1-11 (esp. 7-9), Galatians 3:1-5, 3:13-14, Romans 15:15-16, Titus 3:4-6, John 3:5-8, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:12-13

Lesson 8

The Spirit's Role in Baptism

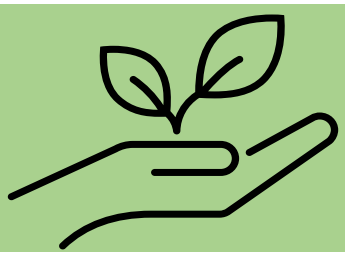


Look through Acts and notice the words "gift" and "fallen/fell" in relation to the Spirit. Are we always talking about the same thing?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Acts 19:1-7, cf. Acts 18:24-28, John 7:39, Acts 2:1-4, 8:14-18, 1 Cor 6:11, John 3:5

Lesson 9
Sealing and Pledge

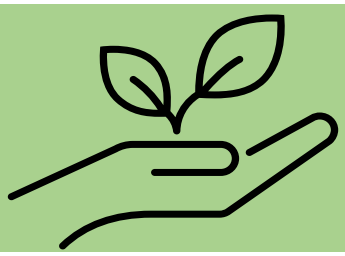


Spend some time meditating on Heb. 6:4-8 about the one that has fallen away. What connection might there be to earlier class texts and themes?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Ephesians 1:11-14, 4:30, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 5:4-5, Rom. 8:15-17, 15:13, 1 Peter 4:12-14, (Heb. 6:4-8, 10:29)

Lesson 10
Indwelling pt. 1

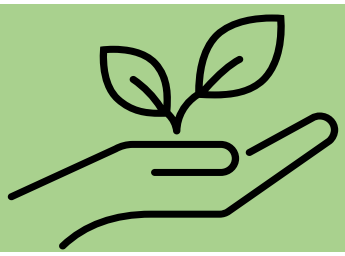


It is popularly taught today that since we are totally depraved, the Spirit needs to initiate or take over and choose whom He may save. What passage in your reading helps clarify this concept? How?

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Ezekiel 18:31, 36:26-27, Prov. 1:23, Acts 6:3, 7:51, 11:24, Eph. 2:1-2, 5:18-21, Jude 19-21, 1 Thess. 4:7-8, 2 Thess. 2:13, Phil. 2:12-13, 2 Cor. 7:1. Galatians 5:16-23, 6-7

Lesson 11
Indwelling Pt. 2

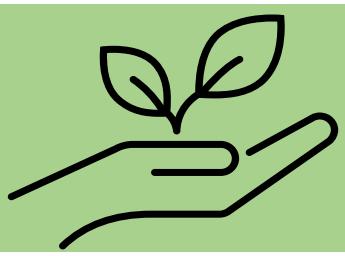


The NT fills out the details we couldn't quite perceive (Col. 2:17). Explain how God would change us through His Spirit in Rom. 5:5-6? (Cf. Zech. 12:10, Heb. 9:14, 10:29)

Key Concepts

Pre-reading: Hosea 5:3-4, Ezekiel 11:19-21, 36:25-27, 39:29, Romans 6:1-4, 7:4-6, 7:14-8:14, (Romans 5:5-6, Zech. 12:10, Heb. 9:14, 10:29)

Lesson 12
Further Works of the Spirit



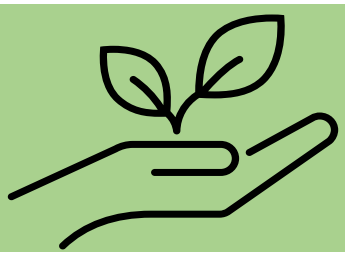
As you read through the verses, why might God have emphasized all the Spirit was doing in Jesus' ministry?

Key Concepts

Write ahead any unresolved questions about the Spirit here for next class. Text or email them to me:

Pre-reading: Matt. 1:18, 20, Luke 1:35, 3:22 (Acts 10:38), 4:1, 14, 10:21, Matt. 12:28, John 3:34/Acts 1:2, Heb. 9:14, Rom. 1:3, 1 Pet. 3:18,…. Rom 8:26-27 and Gal. 4:4-6…. 1 Cor. 2:7-13. Eph. 6:17, Jn. 6:63, 2 Cor. 3:15-18, 1 Thess. 2:13.

Lesson 13
Conclusions / Q&A



The Spirit is talked about so many times in the NT. Can you put in your own words why?

Q&A

3 sermons will be coming: Does God do miracles today through the Holy Spirit? Does God's Holy Spirit speak directly to us? What is the Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

Pre-reading: if there's time - Eph. 2:18-22, 1 Cor. 3:17-18, john 4:23, Phil. 3:3. Gal. 5:5, Rom. 8:18-25, Rev. 22:17