

Remnant Life Church

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**The Holy Spirit**

**Pt. 2**

**Forever the Same**

John 14:16-17

We began this series on the Holy Spirit last Sunday by recognizing several truths

- The first is the Holy Spirit is an equal part of the triune Godhead
  - Triune meaning three-in-one
  - God the Father
  - God the Son
  - God the Holy Spirit
- Following that first one is a second truth that many people do not like to admit or fail to consider
  - Our minds are incapable of fully grasping the concepts of God
    - Whether it is predestination and free will or the Trinity
  - Our limited capacities cannot fathom the depth and scope of Almighty God
  - And in that truth is where faith must be relied on – simply fully trusting in God
- The third truth is the Holy Spirit is found throughout the entirety of the Scripture
  - Just like Father God, and God the Son, Jesus Christ
  - The Holy Spirit of the OT was the active power of God on display most notably with the nation of Israel
  - And it was the voice of prophecy heard and read in the writings of the 22 recognized OT prophetic voices
    - 17 of those who comprise the major and minor prophetic books of the OT
    - Beginning with Isaiah and ending with Malachi
- Then, as we come into the NT, the Holy Spirit becomes much more personal for the believer
  - **Acts 2** becomes the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to the disciples that when He left, another would come to help guide, comfort, and strengthen them. (**John 16:7-8**)
  - *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17)*
  - That same Holy Spirit dwells within each person's heart today who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior

And so, having established those truths, what does that mean for you, a 21<sup>st</sup>-century Christian in your daily walk?

- How does that impact your life?
- What do you need to know of who the Holy Spirit is
- And how is that going to change your day-to-day life?

Over the next several weeks I want to examine a few of the attributes of the Holy Spirit that give us the strength to be victorious in our daily lives

To start with, what the Holy Spirit is called throughout the Scriptures describes many of His purposes in our lives

- He is the Spirit of God (**I Thess 4:8**)
- The mind of Christ (**Phil 2:5**)
- The Spirit of Truth (**John 14:17; 15:26**)
- The Comforter (**John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7**)
- He is power from on high (**Luke 24:49**)
- He is also called a gift of God – in the same way that salvation is (**Acts 2:38; 8:20; Rom 5:5; Luke 11:13; Gal 3:2**)

And so, the first attribute of the Holy Spirit I would like for us to look at this morning is that the Holy Spirit is **immutable**

- Here is the Webster definition of that word: *Not capable of or susceptible to change*
  - Think back to what we said last week regarding our ability to fully understand God
  - Well, this is another example of that
    - And while that definition is true of God it still does not fully define what that entails
      - The reason for that is because Almighty God is who we are attempting to describe
      - I try to think of it like this...
        - He is the same, because he is the author and creator of change and is the supreme master over it
        - And because of that nothing changes God
      - His will is the sole determining factor of what is and is not
- Listen to what is written in an introduction to a sermon on this very subject that was preached by Charles Spurgeon
  - *Immutability means that God is not subject to change through time or circumstances. In His nature and His character, God is absolutely without change. In God's essence, attributes, consciousness and will, He is unchangeable.*
  - This is also what the writer of Hebrews is saying when he writes in **Heb 13:7-8**
    - *Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*
    - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all possess the same attributes
  - Each are unchanging; because they are immutable

The fact is that God, in three persons, cannot change!

- You must consider what the action of change is
  - It must, by its natural process, be for a path to either something becoming better or becoming worse

- For instance, if I change my diet, hopefully it is so that I will live in better health
  - Conversely, if I decided to start smoking, that will make my health worse
  - Both involve change
- But God is perfection so His nature must also always be and remain perfect
- A.W. Tozer offers an interesting perspective by utilizing a contrast between God and us
  - *The immutability of God appears in its most perfect beauty when viewed against the mutability of man. In God no change is possible; in man change is impossible to escape.*
  - That is precisely why, when you are faced with the difficulties and challenges of life you can put your trust wholly and fully in the goodness and love of God
    - God never disappoints
    - He never offers us anything out of selfishness
    - He is always truth presented in His perfect love
- And so, in that fundamental truth of our faith, can you then see why to doubt, fear, or worry about the things of this life is to, in essence declare...
  - God, I do not believe you can handle this situation and because I am allowing the emotions of my flesh to dictate the condition of my heart, I also don't believe I can trust you.
    - This is why it is so very difficult for me to justify in my own life, or truthfully in any Christian, embracing worry, doubt or fear
      - I still have compassion for a person struggling with that
      - But I can never say, 'I certainly understand and support your time of worry in this situation'
    - He is God!
      - The same God who created the universe with just a thought
      - The same God who split the waters of the Red Sea with a blast from His nostrils
      - The same God who brought those back from the dead including Jairus's daughter, Lazarus, and most importantly His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
    - He does all of this and so much more, but you can't trust Him to lead you through your situation?
  - The Psalmist also speaks of the immutable quality of God
    - **Psalm 102:25-27** - *In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.*

The immutability of God rings great fear to the wicked because it means that God must always deal with all men in accordance with His holy character and plans, meaning not according to man's desires or expectations

- IOW God cannot be bargained with and does not operate according to the plans of man, only His plan of salvation in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
  - That means your works are not enough (**Eph 2:8-9**)

- Your accomplishments are not enough (**Isa 64:6**)
- Your own strength of will is not enough (**Psalms 103:15-16**)
- However, within the knowledge of God's immutability is a constant source of comfort to believers because it means God is faithful, always, to His promises and the principles of His Word.
  - It is for this reason that one of God's names found in **Deut 32:4** is "the Rock"
    - And this is loooooong before Dwayne Johnson!
    - God is called this because when the entire world around us seems to fluctuate and shake and mutate from one form to another, He is the One safe and faithful place of anchorage.
    - The One we can hold too when, as the chorus of the mid-1800's hymn My Hope is Built on Nothing Less tells us, when all other ground is sinking sand

What this means for each of us this morning is that the Holy Spirit of **Acts 2** is the same Holy Spirit working in our lives today

- The same Holy Spirit who enabled the disciples to heal the sick, comfort the hurting, tell others about Jesus with boldness and conviction, and stand firm in the face of opposition
- That is available for us today as well
  - Why?
  - Because the Holy Spirit does not change
    - That same power is active today
    - That same supernatural intervention into this world is still available today
  - Then why do we see so much less of it?
    - Not because He has changed
    - But because we have
    - So much of the simple faith of man has been beaten, battered, and stolen from our hearts by the intensifying evil of this world
    - And in many cases, we have not only allowed it, but we have embraced it
- This is why we must refuse to compromise, never turning from the truth of God's Word
  - His truth is the same today as it was 2000 years ago when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost
  - And He cannot change because He is perfect
- The question is, will you stand unchanging in that same truth when all the world is telling you that you are wrong?
  - There are many today, even those who do not profess a relationship with Jesus Christ, who when they speak out against the agendas of this world, are being shamed, rebuked, and called all sorts of terrible things
  - And many times, people, even Christians, allow their hearts and minds to be changed away from the things of God and toward the things of the world
- He is the same yesterday, today, and forever
  - It is in that unchangeable perfection, His immutable nature, that we find peace, comfort, strength, and victory
  - My friends, trust in that with all your heart!