

Sunday, September 6, 2020

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Series: Covid-19...24

Text: John 7:37-39 & John 16:7

Introduction:

Last week our devotional was; Three Sure Promises of Hope.

I Will Prepare a Place for You – John 13:36 – 14:6

I Will Not Leave You as Orphans – John 14:16 – 31

This Same Jesus... - Acts 1:1 - 11

This week we will continue on the truth that Jesus did not leave us as orphans; he has sent forth the Holy Spirit to every believer.

Warning in Scripture about FALSE worship:

Exodus 20:2 – 3, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (3) You shall have no other gods before me.”

Deuteronomy 5:6 – 10, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (7) You shall have no other gods before me. (8) You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. (9) You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, (10) but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Some scholars have suggested that modern believers have not entered into false worship, but question whether we have neglected to acknowledge an essential part of the Godhead – the Holy Spirit.

Has the North American exchanged the presence of God for atmosphere?

1. The Lord Jesus Christ The Redeemer:

John 7:37 - 39

1.1) We worship the Lord Jesus Christ for we know Him best as our REDEEMER.

Ephesians 1:7, “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

See – John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 7:23,

2 Corinthians 5:19 & 21, Galatians 4:5

Hebrews 9:12 – 15 (Read)

1.2) We worship the Lord Jesus Christ because He is coming to get believers.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 – 18, “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

1.3) We worship Him because He promised not to leave us as orphans.

vs. 37, “If anyone...”

vs. 38, “Whoever believes...”

vs. 39, “Now this he said about the Spirit,...”

2. The Holy Spirit the Regenerator:

John 7: 37 – 39; 16:7

2.1) Jesus is the REDEEMER and the Holy Spirit REGENERATES.

Titus 3:4, “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”

See – John 3:5, 1 Corinthians 6:11

Notice the Triune God in Titus 3:4: Father, Jesus the Savior, Holy Spirit

2.2) The work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration produces FRUIT: Galatians 5:16 – 26

Notice it is possible to be out of “step with the Holy Spirit.”

2.3) work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration gives GIFTS: 1 Corinthians 12:1 - 13

3. The Holy Spirit is the Refreshing in an Arid Wilderness:

John 7:37 – 39; 16:7

3.1) Are you similar to me; Jesus, if you were personally here, I would be so enriched!

John 16:7, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

3.2) Notice in John 7:37 – 39 that there is to be and out-flow!!!

“Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Will flow – that causes me, personally, great conviction.

Is the fruit of the Holy Spirit evident in my life?

Am I seeking to expand the Kingdom of God, which is a spiritual kingdom, without Spiritual gifts?

Read 1 Corinthians 3

Conclusion: Channels Only

Mary E. Maxwell, 1835 - 1915

Ada rose Gibbs, 1865 - 1905