

### **Galatians 5:5, 16-23 New Living Translation**

5 But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us.

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil...

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against these things!

"Salvation is an experienced reality, made so by the Spirit's coming into our lives."  
-- Gordon Fee, *ibid*

### **Powerful Partnership in Jesus' Ministry**

#### **Acts 1:7**

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses

#### **Romans 15:17-19**

17 Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. 18 I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— 19 by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power, baptizing believers into the Body of Christ and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them. The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us for spiritual worship, personal sanctification, building up the Church, gifting us for ministry, and driving back the kingdom of Satan by the evangelization of the world through proclaiming the word of Jesus and doing the works of Jesus.

(from the Vineyard Statement of Faith,  
<http://www.vineyardusa.org/site/about/what-we-believe>)



By Him ... Through us ... For Him



**The Danger:** we are at risk of being "functional atheists" regarding the Holy Spirit: people with little to no expectation of the Spirit actually empowering our lives for either righteous living or for a powerful witness accompanied by signs and wonders.

**The Solution:** We need a revelation of the Holy Spirit as God's Empowering Presence who enables us to live with the powers of the age to come even while we live in this present evil age awaiting the Kingdom's consummation at Christ's second coming. Revelation gives birth to expectation, and expectation combined with seeking, fervent prayer is key to walking in the power of the Spirit.

"If the church is going to be effective in our postmodern world, we need to stop paying mere lip service to the Spirit and recapture Paul's perspective: the Spirit as the **experienced, empowering** return of God's own **personal presence** in and among us, who enables us to live as a radically **eschatological** people in the present world while we await the consummation." -Gordon Fee, *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT EXPECTATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD INCLUDED AN UNPRECEDENTED OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WOULD RADICALLY EFFECT THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

◆ **The experience of Moses provided a foretaste of the coming outpouring of the Spirit**

#### **Exodus 33:14-16**

14 The LORD replied, "**My Presence** will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then Moses said to him, "If **your Presence** does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? **What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?**"

◆ Isaiah equates God's Presence in the Exodus with God's Spirit (Isaiah 63:9-14, especially 9a, 10a, 11b, 14)

### **Isaiah 63:14**

*...they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord.  
This is how you guided your people  
to make for yourself a glorious name.*

- ◆ **The Promised Spirit's effect would be like the transforming of a desert into a vibrant forest**

### **Isaiah 32:15**

*15 till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,  
and the desert becomes a fertile field,  
and the fertile field seems like a forest.*

### **Isaiah 44:3-4**

*3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.  
4 They will spring up like grass in a meadow,  
like poplar trees by flowing streams.*

- ◆ **The Promised Spirit would be the way God's New Covenant is realized in the people of God**

### **Jeremiah 31:33**

*33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.*

### **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

*26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

- ◆ **The Outpouring of the Spirit would be a sign that the last days had begun**

### **Acts 2:16-19 New Living Translation**

*16 what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:  
17 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.  
18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. 19 And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—*

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US FOR BOTH RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP IN JESUS' MINISTRY**

### **Righteous Living**

#### **Matthew 5:20**

*20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

- ◆ **Avoid these extremes:**

1. Because I am saved by grace apart from works I can sin all I want; it really doesn't matter how I live  
- a "salvation" that doesn't have power to change my life is really no salvation at all.
2. I know righteous living is important. If I properly apply Christian tools I'll be able to conquer sin in my life: pray enough, study the Bible enough, go to church enough, give enough money, be in enough accountability groups...  
- this is nothing more than salvation by a new set of works, and results in both depressing defeat and a mean-spirited self righteousness.

- ◆ **Understand, Expect, and Seek the Holy Spirit's Empowering Presence for Righteous Living**

- ◆ The Spirit cleanses and renews our lives, and empowers us to do good works

#### **Titus 3:1-8**

*3 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.  
... 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ... that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good...*

- ◆ The gift of the Holy Spirit is both replacement of Torah observance (law) and fulfillment of Torah's righteous requirements.

#### **Romans 7:6**

*...we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.*

#### **Romans 8:3-4 New Living Translation**

*3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.*