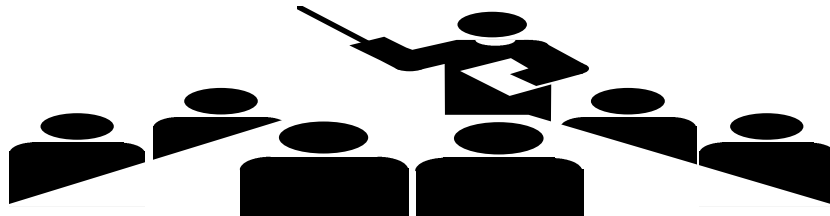


EVANGELISM SEMINAR



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Topic:
The Holy Spirit and the Church

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Lesson #1 “The Holy Spirit: God’s Dynamic Presence and Power in the Church”

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1-2

OUTLINE

PROPOSITION: The Holy Spirit is God’s dynamic presence empowering and equipping the church to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The Church must seek the dynamic presence and power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1)

- A. We must recognize our need for the promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4,5)
- B. We must receive the Holy Spirit in order to witness effectively. (Acts 1:8)
- C. We must seek the Holy Spirit’s power and presence through of unified prayer. (Acts 1:14)

II. The Church must allow the Holy Spirit to manifest God’s power and presence. (Acts 2)

- A. Unity plays a major role in ushering God’s dynamic presence into our midst. (Acts 2:1)
- B. Our bold Christian witness is the best evidence of God’s presence & power. (Acts 2:2-11)
- C. The Holy Spirit indwells and empowers all of those who receive Christ. (Acts 2:12-21)
 - 1. He empowers both males and females to speak His message.
 - 2. He empowers both young and old to see visions and dream dreams.
 - 3. He empowers persons of all classes to serve God and the church.
- D. The Holy Spirit creates in us an appetite for God’s word. (Acts 2:42)
- E. The Holy Spirit creates in us a desire for Christian fellowship. (Acts 2:42)
- F. The Holy Spirit creates in us an appreciation for Holy Communion. (Acts 2:42)
- G. The Holy Spirit creates in us a passion for prayer. (Acts 2:42)
- H. The Holy Spirit enables us to share our resources freely. (Acts 2:44,45)
- I. The Holy Spirit equips us to serve Christ faithfully. (Acts 2:46)
- J. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love each other sincerely. (Acts 2:46)
- K. The Holy Spirit inspires us to praise God passionately. (Acts 2:47)
- L. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live for Christ victoriously. (Acts 2:47)
- M. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness for Christ effectively. (Acts 2:47)

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Lesson #2 “The Holy Spirit: Empowerment for Service and Ministry in the Church”

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2-8

OUTLINE

PROPOSITION: The Holy Spirit empowers both the clergy and the laity for service and ministry in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- I. The Holy Spirit empowers the clergy to share the gospel effectively. (Acts 2-5; 1 Cor. 2:1-5)
 - A. He enables *anointed preaching*. (Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-26; 4:8-12)
 - B. He inspires *gospel preaching* (Acts 2:22-41; 3:12-26; 4:8-12)
 - C. He enables clergy to minister with *supernatural power* (Acts 2:43; 3:1-11; 5:1-11, 12-16)
 - D. He enables clergy to witness with *extraordinary boldness* (Acts 4:13-31)
 - E. He enables clergy to live and serve with *no fear of persecution*. (Acts 5:17-42)

- IV. The Holy Spirit empowers the laity to share in leadership, service and witness. (Acts 6-8)
 - A. The Holy Spirit empowers the laity to lead and serve in the Church. (Acts 6:1-7)
 - 1. Lay leaders must be persons of honest report. (good reputation)
 - 2. Lay leaders must be full of the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. Lay leaders must be full of godly wisdom.
 - B. The Holy Spirit empowers the laity with spiritual gifts. (Acts 6-7)
 - 1. A lay leader had the gift to perform miracles. (Acts 6:8)
 - 2. A lay leader had the wisdom to contend for the faith. (Acts 6:9-10)
 - 3. A lay leader had the privilege of suffering persecution. (Acts 6:11-15)
 - 4. A lay leader had the ability to proclaim the gospel. (Acts 7:1-53)
 - 5. A lay leader had the privilege of being the first Christian martyr. (Acts 7:54-60)
 - C. The Holy Spirit empowers the laity to evangelize effectively. (Acts 8)
 - 1. Persecution sent the laity everywhere sharing the gospel. (Acts 8:1-4)
 - 2. A lay leader helped to establish a church in Samaria. (Acts 8:5-25)
 - a. He preached the gospel in Samaria. (Acts 8:5)
 - b. He performed miracles. (Acts 8:6-13)
 - c. He led many to faith in Christ. (Acts 8:5-13)
 - d. He sent for the clergy to establish the work. (Acts 8:14-25)
 - 3. A lay leader shared the gospel with an African official. (Acts 8:26-39)
 - a. He let God direct his path and ministry. (Acts 8:2-30)
 - b. He explained the Scriptures to a seeker. (Acts 8:31-35)
 - c. He shared the plan of salvation. (Acts 8:35-39)
 - 4. A lay leader shared the gospel wherever God led him. (Acts 8:40)

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Lesson #3 “The Holy Spirit: Moving the Church beyond Its Comfort Zones”

Scripture Lesson: Acts 8-28

OUTLINE

PROPOSITION: The Holy Spirit moves the Church to take the gospel of Jesus Christ beyond its comforts zones to the uttermost parts of the earth.

- I. The Spirit moved the Church to take the gospel to outcasts.** [Samaritans, Ethiopians] (Acts 8)
- II. The Spirit moved the Church to take the gospel to a persecutor of the Church.** (Acts 9:1-31)
 - A. God reveals Himself to Saul as he attempts to persecute the church. (Acts 9:1-9)
 - B. God sends Ananias to share the gospel with Saul. (Acts 9:10-19)
 - C. God sends Saul (Paul) to preach His gospel. (Acts 9:20-25)
 - D. God uses Barnabas to authenticate Paul’s ministry. (Acts 9:26-31)
- III. The Spirit moved the Church to take the gospel to the Gentiles.** (Acts 10-11)
 - A. God moves Peter out of his comfort zone. (Acts 10:1-33)
 - B. God saves Cornelius and his family. (Acts 10:34-48)
 - C. God teaches the church to be inclusive of Gentiles. (Acts 11:1-18)
 - D. God begins a movement among the Gentiles of Antioch. (Acts 11:19-30)
 1. Lay persons begin a church Antioch among the Gentiles. (Acts 11:19-21)
 2. Barnabas is sent to establish the church. (Acts 11:22-24)
 3. Barnabas gets Paul to assist him in the pastorate. (Acts 11:25-30)
- IV. The Spirit moved the Church to pray for one imprisoned for sharing the gospel.** (Acts 12)
 - A. The church prays for their imprisoned leader. (Acts 12:1-5)
 - B. God supernaturally releases the leader while the church is praying. (Acts 12:6-19)
 - C. God judges the ruler who killed James and imprisoned Peter. (Acts 12:20-25)
- V. The Spirit moved the Church to take the gospel to the world.** (Acts 13-26)
 - A. Paul and Barnabas are called from the pastorate to the mission field. (Acts 13:1-3)
 - B. Paul and others carry the gospel of Christ to the Mediterranean World. (Acts 13-28)