

The Spirit Poured Out

The Unsung God Series – Part 2

Scripture text – selected

Introduction

- We are taking our time in this series so our knowledge of the Holy Spirit is thoroughly _____.
- Today, we bring together, in a systematic way, what the _____, in its entirety, reveals about the Holy Spirit.
- While the Holy Spirit isn't especially prominent in the Old Testament, we see him at work in _____ major ways. Each has a parallel to our lives today.

Work #1: Creation

- The first mention of the Holy Spirit has him _____ over a formless, empty and dark earth (Gen 1:2).
- This means it was his unique role to care for & _____ creation at each stage of its _____.
- The Holy Spirit does the same thing with respect to God's NEW creation, the _____.
- One thing the Holy Spirit protects is your _____. You cannot _____ your salvation!

Work #2: Inspiration

- The Old Testament was _____ by the Holy Spirit by means of divine _____.
- Some pastors & churches so water down the meaning of inspiration as to make the Bible a purely _____ book full of _____.
- "Inspiration" refers to the supernatural _____ of the Holy Spirit upon the human writers of Scripture, rendering certain that what they wrote was actually the _____ of _____. This applies to each & every _____ of Scripture.
- Don't listen to a preacher or teacher who doesn't have this _____!

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- The Holy Spirit is not only the inspirer of Scripture, but the _____ of it. This means he enables us to _____ it (see I Cor 2:12-14).

Work #3: Empowerment

- Numerous times in the Old Testament, it was a work of the Holy Spirit to bestow on a particular _____ a particular _____ for the performance of a particular _____.
- The ability or skill went beyond the _____ to the _____.
- What the Holy Spirit did in the OT age in certain individuals, he does in this present age in _____ believer.

Joel's Prophecy

- Beginning around 500 BC, there was the anticipation of a much _____ & more _____ ministry of the Holy Spirit. This ministry commenced on the Day of _____.
- This means we are _____ in the age of a much broader & more forceful ministry of the Spirit. Consequently, we don't want to _____ out!

Conclusion & Application

- God has _____ for us. The channel for this "more" is the _____.
- Some Christians are almost completely _____ to his presence, power & potential.
- Others go to the opposite extreme and _____ virtually all their thoughts & feelings to the Holy Spirit.
- Abraham Kuyper: No subject demands more that the sole source of knowledge be the _____ given us by the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

1. Which work of the Holy Spirit was most interesting or intriguing to you?
2. Have you identified your spiritual gift? If so, what is it?