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HOLY Spirit

Concluding Thoughts



- Not all questions answered – but few thoughts confirmed
- Trinity not borrowed, Personhood of Holy Spirit confirmed
- Avoid 2 extremes: emphasizing Holy Spirit to exclusion of Father, Son; work and ministry of Holy Spirit deemphasized



Work & Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- Reveals/Testifies Jesus Christ's work in our lives (union with human nature, reconciliation with God)
- Builds on the work of the Father and Jesus to bring us to full communion
- Gives us new birth, transforming, regenerating.
- Our role is to accept/submit/participate with the Holy Spirit



Biblical Metaphors for Holy Spirit

• **Luke 3:21** When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a **dove.**

- Judgement of evil complete, beginning of reconciliation, new age of peace & blessing





Biblical Metaphors for Holy Spirit

• **Acts 2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of **fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- Presence of God now in them, drawing attention from burning bush.





Biblical Metaphors for Holy Spirit

- [Eph 1:13](#) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, [14](#) who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

- Identification, ownership, protection and commitment of the Owner.





Biblical Metaphors for Holy Spirit

- **Eph 1:14** The Spirit is God's **guarantee** that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.
- Down payment of the fullness of what has been promised to us in Christ.

**The Holy Spirit is a
"down payment"
on great things to come!**

