**R932\_Rumination for December 04, 2022**

The **T**heme: **When the Spirit is Come** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext:*When the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father,*

 *even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:* Jn. 15:26

The **T**hots:

1. **The Promise of the Holy Spirit.**
2. He was Sent to take the **P**lace of the Risen Jesus: John 16:7
3. *He spoke concerning the Spirit, Whom those believing in Him would receive;*

*for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.* Jn. 7:39, NKJV

1. *It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;*

*but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.* Jn. 16:7

1. He was Sent as Divine **P**roof to show…
2. That believers in Jesus are **S**ealed with the **S**pirit and belong to Him. Eph. 1:13
3. *In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:*

*in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.*

1. *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.* Rom. 8:9b
2. That they are the **S**ons (Children) of God. Rom. 8:14

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

1. That they have the **S**pirit’s witness to their Adoption as the Children of God. Rom. 8:15-16, NKJV

*For… you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

1. He was Sent to **P**erpetually Dwell in His **P**eople. I Cor. 3:16
2. *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
3. *Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.* Rom. 8:9a
4. *Even the Spirit of truth…ye know Him; for He dwelleth* ***with******you****, and* ***shall be in you****.* Jn. 14:17

Note: i) He was ***with*** the disciples then, as in the Old Testament with the **P**eople of God.

 ii) But after Jesus’ Return to Heaven, He would be ***in*** them, to **indwell** them **P**erpetually.

1. **The Person of the Spirit.**
2. As the Holy **S**pirit, He was referred to as God – Acts 5:3-4, NKJV

*Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the* ***Holy Spirit****…?”*

*“Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to* ***God****."*

1. He is of the **S**ame in **S**ubstance as the Father and **S**on – The ***Name*** for the Three is **S**ingular! Mt. 28;19, NKJV

*Go…and make disciples…baptizing them in the* ***Name*** *of the Father and…the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

1. However, His **S**ervices (Ministries) are Distinct from God, the Father and God, the Son: Mt. 3:16, 17, NKJV
2. *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up…and He saw the Spirit of God descending…upon Him.*

*And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

1. *I will pray the Father…He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.* Jn. 14:16
2. *When the Comforter is come, whom I**will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth,*

*which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:* Jn. 15:26

1. *And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:* Jn. 16:8-11
2. *Of sin, because they believe not on Me;*
3. *Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;*
4. *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged*
5. *When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself;*

 *but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.* Jn. 16:13

1. **The Power of the Spirit.** The Spirit Empowers the believer…
2. To **W**itness:

*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses*

 *to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Acts 1:8, NKJV

1. To **W**ork:

*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,*

*but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:* I Cor. 2:4

1. To **W**orship: Jn. 4:24

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*

Let us this day **S**eek to Remember and Worship the Lord

 as we **L**aud Him at the **L**ord’s **S**upper being **L**ed by the **S**pirit to do **S**o.

 – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*. Rom. 8:14

*My body make meet for Thy temple, My heart make Thou whiter than snow;*

*My spirit make loving and gentle, Oh, fill me while humbly I bow.*

 J. Wilbur Chapman

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R.932**

1. A very important ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bring about the unity of those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ into one body. He does this by baptising every believer into the body of Christ, as **I Corinthians 12:12-13 (HCSB)**

*For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body,*

*though many, are one body—so also is Christ.*

*For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—*

*whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—*

*and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

Note the truths from the above text:

1. There is only one body – *the body is one*
2. There are many parts to that body – *and has many parts*
3. And all these parts belong to that one body – *all the parts of that body,*

 *though many, are one body*

1. That body is Christ Himself.
2. How did this come about? – *For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body*
3. It was a once-and-for-all act that happened when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ,

We were sealed by the Spirit then – *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,* (Eph. 1:13)

1. Thus, **all** who believe in Jesus are sealed by the Spirit and they all have the Spirit
2. It is just impossible for anyone to have Christ in his/her heart and not have the Holy Spirit in Him – *Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His*. Rom. 8:9b
3. No not one, be they… *Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit*. (I Cor. 12:13b)
4. For *there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female:* ***for ye are all one in Christ Jesus***. (Gal. 3:28)

So it is sad, and it indeed grieves the Holy Spirit, when people question the presence of the Spirit in any person who truly believes in the Son and his/her having eternal life as promised and clearly stated in the Word itself – *as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name* (Jn. 1:12)

Hence, g*rieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption*. (Eph. 4:30) and do not lay down man-made rules and conditions to judge others in the body of Christ. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, are you pointing to some other one who is also a believer that he/she does not have the Holy Spirit? **REFLECT**.

1. Now read this passage from Paul’s epistle to the Corinthian believers and reflect on what you can learn from it concerning the distribution of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to believers:

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NKJV)**

*1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:*

*2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.*

*3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*

*4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.*

*6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.*

*7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

*8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,*

*10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

*11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

How does the Spirit speak to you regarding His ministry and His gifts to believers? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *“It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love.”*

 *―* Billy Graham