

Sermon Quotes
April 29th, 2007
Living In The Good Of The Gospel
The Power of the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-22 ESV “On the evening of that day (Resurrection Sunday), the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

Summary of Points learned so far:

1. All believers receive the Holy Spirit at conversion.
2. God has provided for all believers **an additional experience** with the Holy Spirit often called the Baptism in the Spirit or being filled with the Spirit.
3. It is **possible** to have the Holy Spirit dwell within you but **not have** this second experience.
4. All the Christians who lived in NT times experienced the Holy Spirit in this powerful way.

“Thus, the ideal paradigm (pattern) for New Testament faith was for the new convert also to be baptized in the Holy Spirit at the very commencement (beginning) of his or her Christian life.”

—Douglas Oss

Cessationist – Believe that the Holy Spirit saves and sanctifies the believer but the **supernatural activity** of the Spirit **ceased** with the Apostles.

Continuist – Believe that the Holy Spirit saves and sanctifies the Spirit the believer, but **also** that **everything** the Holy Spirit did in New Testament times **continues on** until the Lord’s return.

“Being continually filled with the Spirit is, in fact, the challenge of a lifetime and the challenge of each new day.”

—Anthony Hoekema

“It is imperative that we remain dependent on the Holy Spirit. It is imperative that we never cease pursuing the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. We must continue to grow in our dependence upon the Holy Spirit and grow in our eagerness to experience the many gifts of the Spirit that are described for us in Holy Scripture. The Scripture does not permit a mere affirmation of the Spirit; we are called to experience the empowering work of the Spirit for both sanctification and service, for our own good, for the good of the church and for the glory of God.”

—CJ Mahaney