

Mission & Missionary

Gospel Centered Life (7)

Sunday, February 18, 2012

Intro

The gospel is simultaneously at work in us and through us. Inwardly, our desires and motives are being changed as we repent and believe the gospel. As we experience Christ's love in this way, we are compelled to engage those around us with the same kind of redemptive love. God's grace brings renewal everywhere, in us and through us.

def 'mission': anything that brings gospel-centered renewal/redemption to people, places, and cultures.

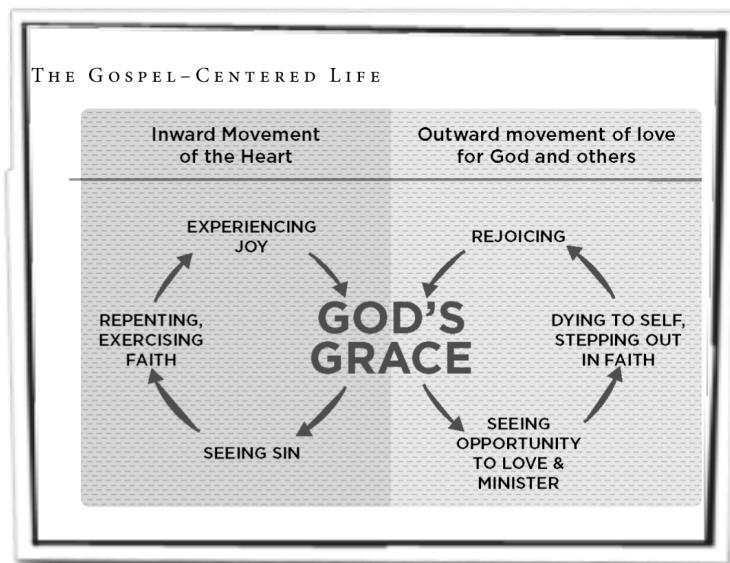
Galatians 5:13–15

"And remember, we can only love if we are free. That is, love is motivated by the joy of sharing our fullness, not by the desire to fill our emptiness. Is it a coincidence that verse 15 describes what wild animals do when they are starving, not when they are filled (empty instead of content)? "If you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another." When you are not filled with God, it is sweet to eat your enemy. ~ John Piper

Gospel Changes Us Inward + Propels Us Outward

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Gal. 5:13 esv)

God's Grace Is The Driving Force Of All Change.



If You Aren't Motivated to Love, Serve, & Speak the Gospel To People The Answer Is NOT To “JUST DO IT.”

The answer is to :

1. _____, _____, and
2. discern where your unbelief is short-circuiting the _____ of the gospel
3. Believe, repent & _____

God Doesn't Risk His Mission By Letting It Become “Mission Impossible”

A Divine Mission Requires a Divine Power

Every true Christian has experienced the ‘**indwelling**’ Holy Spirit.

Jesus' ...

The Church...

Every true Christian can experience the ‘**infilling**’ of the Holy Spirit.

= A separate & subsequent experience with the Holy Spirit is available, called an ‘infilling’ of or an “immersion in” the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 19) OR

= A divine act, promised by John the Baptist and by Jesus Christ, whereby the Holy Spirit is “poured out” on Christians who have already been conceived to new life (or Baptized into Jesus) by the Holy Spirit

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God Promised To Send His Holy Spirit.

The OT foretold and Jesus Christ reaffirmed that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on God's people.

God Provides His Power To Accomplish His Mission

def "power"=**Dūnamis** God-given & God-sized _____ & _____
for accomplishing the God-sized mission of witnessing in our Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria.

8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

=Divine enabling of a Christian as a means of empowering and gifting them for an **expanded capability**

in _____, _____, & _____

Instances of baptism with the Holy Spirit

[Ac 2:2-4](#) at Pentecost On subsequent occasions: [Ac 8:15-17](#); [10:44-47](#); [19:6](#) A work of God recognized by Jewish Christians as experienced by Gentiles: [Ac 10:46-47](#); [11:15-17](#); [15:8](#)

God Has A Divine Purpose For the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

=To thrust Jesus' followers deeper into WORSHIP & **THE WORLD**.

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Life of the Spirit as directed towards **mission** in the world.

([Acts 7:51](#); [8:29](#), [39](#); [10:17–19](#); [11:12](#); [13:2](#), [4](#); [15:28](#); [16:6f.](#); [19:21](#); [Jn. 16:8-11](#); [20:21–23](#)).

The Spirit is that power which bears **witness** to Christ in the world.

([Jn. 15:26](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [5:32](#); [1 Jn. 5:6–8](#); also [Heb. 2:4](#); [1 Pet. 1:12](#); [Rev. 19:10](#)).

Self Reflection

- I sometimes feel like the Christian life—especially mission—has become a duty instead of a joyful overflow?
- I sometimes lack motivation for mission so i catch myself relying on :
 - legalism (obey even though you don't feel like it) or
 - license (don't obey at all)
- I sometimes need more 'thrust' power from God to be an effective missionary who is capable of living on mission with God.

Summary Truth :

As we learn to live in light of the gospel, mission should be the natural overflow. God's grace brings renewal internally (in us) so that it might bring renewal externally (through us).

Take Action

- I will repent for viewing 'mission' is as an obligation.
- I will reorient my belief that 'missions' is a natural outworking of the gospel.
- I will allow God to address my insufficient 'missionary' lifestyle by addressing my underlying unbelief in the gospel.
- I will open myself to 'receive' another infilling of the Holy Spirit as a means of discovering a greater degree God's glory and therefore seek a greater capability for thrusting into a new depth of worship and the world.

For Further Reference Study

Promise of the Holy Spirit

The OT foretold and Jesus Christ reaffirmed that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on God's people, transforming, empowering and gifting them.

The promise that Jesus Christ would baptize with the Spirit

(Mt 3:11 pp Mk 1:8 pp Lk 3:16 See also Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5; 11:16)

John the Baptist anticipates baptism with the Spirit

(Jn 1:33 pp Mt 3:11 pp Mk 1:8 pp Lk 3:16)

The Spirit is promised by Jesus Christ

(Lk 24:49 See also Jn 15:26; 16:7-15; Ac 1:5-8)

The Spirit is promised for the time after Jesus Christ's resurrection and ascension

(Jn 7:39 See also Ac 2:4,33)

Purpose of the Baptism in The Holy Spirit

“What is its purpose? It is to initiate us deeper into the Spirit's mission and propel us into two areas of the Spirit's work. First, it is meant to draw us deeper into worship and to God. That is the function of other tongues, which we will examine in more detail. Secondly, the Spirit is designed to come upon us to thrust us into the world and the work of the Lord. Worship and work—these are the purposes of the Spirit.”

Wood, George O. (2011-03-31). *Living in the Spirit: Drawing Us to God, Sending Us to the World* (Kindle Locations 587-589). Gospel Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit promised

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Jesus Christ promises baptism with the Spirit [Ac 1:4-5](#) See also [Lk 24:49](#); [Ac 1:8](#)

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[Ac 2:38-39](#) See also [Ac 2:16-18](#); [Joel 2:28-29](#); [Gal 3:2-5](#)

This gift of the Holy Spirit links believers together in the one body of Christ

[1Co 12:13](#)

OT promises of the Holy Spirit fulfilled in the OT

The promised Spirit enables prophecy [1Sa 10:6](#) See also [1Sa 10:10](#)

The Spirit fulfills the promised presence of the Lord [Ex 33:14](#) See also [Isa 63:11,14](#); [Hag 2:5](#)

OT promises of the Holy Spirit fulfilled in the NT

The Spirit implements the promised new covenant [Jer 31:33-34](#) See also [Ro 8:2,9-10](#); [2Co 3:3,6](#); [Heb 8:10-11](#)

The promised Spirit will renew Israel [Eze 36:26-27](#) See also [Eze 11:19](#); [37:14](#)

The promised Spirit is the guarantee for Israel's future [Isa 44:3](#) See also [Isa 32:15](#); [59:21](#); [Eze 39:29](#)

The promised Spirit will empower the life and work of the Messiah [Isa 61:1-2](#) See also [Isa 11:2](#); [Lk 4:18-19](#)

The Spirit is promised for all people [Joel 2:28-29](#) See also [Ac 2:17-18](#)

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The promised Spirit guarantees to believers their future inheritance [Eph 1:13-14](#)

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