



Study 9: God's Spirit Baptises so we can be included

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Scanning

Main Texts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Acts 2:1-4; John 14:16-17
Other Texts: John 7:37-39; Acts 10:44-47

Introductory Question: Before this week's sermon and study what would you have said the Baptism of the Spirit was?

Going Deeper

1. "The Spirit is not merely an impersonal force or influence and power. The Spirit is none other than the fulfillment of the promise that God would again dwell with his people.... The Spirit is God's own personal presence in our lives and midst.... It is for God's people of a later time like ours, once more to grasp these realities by experiencing them..."

Take some time to chew on what Gordon Fee is saying here. What stands out to you?

2. In Acts 1:4-8 the disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem. What were they to wait for? Why was this so important? What does this mean for us today?

3. Take some time to unpack the meaning of these expressions

- Born of the Spirit. John 3:3-8.
- Indwelt by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
- Baptised by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13.
- Sealed by the Spirit. Ephesians 1:13-14
- Filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18-20.
- Walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-18.

Applying

1. Nationality and social standing do not give us a head start before God. What does this mean in our relationships with each other? Do you treat fellow Christians equally?
2. What is the main thing you are going to take with you from this study?