# Friday: The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Be Like Jesus

## Introduction: The Holy Spirit Glorifies Jesus

1. Opening Remarks:
   1. My area of expertise: OT and Biblical Theology
   2. Biblical Approach
   3. Outline for our time together: *Empowers*
      1. Friday: The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Be Like Jesus
      2. Saturday: The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Be a Light in the World
      3. Sunday: The Holy Spirit Breaks the Cycle
2. **The primary work of the Holy Spirit is the glorify/reveal Jesus.**  
   **John 16:13—16** - But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.
3. **The road to Emmaus.**  
   **Luke 24:27** - “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning *himself*.”
4. **Acts 2 Pentecost.**   
   **Tozer** - “Contrary to what most people unintentionally assume, the important thing here was not that the Spirit had come—the important thing was that Jesus had been exalted.”

## Pentecost in the Old Testament: The Pilgrimage Festivals

1. Passover
   1. **Agricultural**: Beginning of Harvest Time (Barley Harvest)
   2. **Religious**: Deliverance from Egyptian Slavery
2. Pentecost
   1. **Agricultural**: Wheat Harvest
   2. **Religious**: Giving of the Law at Sinai  
      At Pentecost of the OT, the moral code of God is written on tablets of stone in the OT. In Pentecost in the NT, the moral code of God is written on the hearts of believers. “Written on hearts” = human nature (desires, values, attitudes, thoughts, etc.).
3. Feast of Tabernacles
   1. **Agricultural**: End of Harvest Time (Fruit Harvest)
   2. **Religious**: God’s Provision through the desert

## The Law and the Holy Spirit *Reveal*

* 1. The Law and HS Reveals SIN
     1. Sins of Omission and Commission
     2. Sin Nature
        1. Desires,
        2. Attitudes
        3. Thoughts
        4. Emotions - Those who continue to be mastered by their feelings—whether it is anger, fear, sexual attraction, desire for food or for “looking good,” the residues of woundedness, or whatever—are typically persons who in their heart of hearts believe that their feelings must be satisfied. They have long chosen the strategy of selectively resisting their feelings instead of that of not having them—of simply changing or replacing them […] By contrast, the person who happily lets God be God does have a place to stand in dealing with feelings—even in extreme cases such as despair over loved ones or excruciating pain or voluptuous pleasure. They have the resources to do what they do not want to do and to do what they don’t want. They know and deeply accept the fact that their feelings, of whatever kind, do not have to be fulfilled. They spend little time grieving over non-fulfillment - Willard
  2. The Law and HS Reveal the Character of God
  3. The Law and the HS Reveal the People of God to the World

## The Holy Spirit Empowers to Overcome Sin

# Saturday: The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Be a Light to the World

## Introduction: The Symbols of the Holy Spirit

1. Water: Cleansing & Nourishing
   1. Cleansing: Baptism
   2. Nourishing
      1. **John 3:37–39** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ “Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
2. Wind/Breath: Invisible, Cleansing & Nourishing
3. Oil: Beautifying, Nourishing, & Healing
4. Dove: New Life & Innocence
5. Fire

## Fire

1. Comforts
2. Purifies
3. Protects
4. Illuminates

## Illuminates

1. Sin
   1. Omission vs. Commission
   2. Sin nature (thoughts, desires, attitudes) – little boy standing up in his heart.
   3. Conviction – regret and remorse for sin
   4. *They* are the problem
2. **Illuminates the Word (Clarity of Scripture)**
   1. **John 14:26** - "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
3. **Illuminates our Discernment**
   1. **Definition**: Deciding between truth and error, right and wrong. True discernment means not only distinguishing the right from the wrong; it means distinguishing the primary from the secondary, the essential from the indifferent, and the permanent from the transient. And, yes, it means distinguishing between the good and the better, and even between the better and the best.
      1. Protects
      2. **Heals** - diagnosis
      3. **Freeing** – living in faith that the Holy Spirit will help us discern.
   2. **Daniel 5:14** - Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you.
   3. **Hebrews 6:4** - For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit.
   4. **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22** - But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.
   5. **1 John 4:1** - "Do not believe every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
   6. **Ephesians 4:11–14** - And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, *tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes*.
4. **Illuminates Us to be a Light in the World**
   1. **Matthew 5:14** - You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.
   2. **Matthew 10:32–33** - So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
   3. **Matthew 5:15–16** - Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

# Sunday: The Holy Spirit Breaks the Cycle

## Introduction

First appearance of the Holy Spirit in the Bible: Genesis 1:2

Second appearance

Noah’s Ark and the Recreation

## Cycles in the Bible

1. Abraham and the Patriarchs
2. Pharaoh
3. The Judges
4. Eli’s and Samuel’s Sons
5. Northern and Southern Kingdom (Hezekiah’s Failure)
6. The disciples (back to fishing)

## The Holy Spirit Breaks the Cycle

1. First with the Resurrection (Road to Emmaus)
2. Pentecost: the giving of the Law and the Spirit
3. New Character Written on our Hearts
   1. Jesus Behaviors
   2. Jesus Thoughts
   3. Jesus Emotions
   4. Jesus Desires
   5. Jesus Attitudes