

Class 5: Errors pertaining to the Holy Spirit

I. The Work and Manifestation of the Holy Spirit

- A. Fundamentally accomplished by the Word of God
- B. We have seen that this work is done via medium (class 3 & 4)

II. Misunderstandings of the Holy Spirit - (note, the *examples* below represent FALSE understandings)

- A. He does not control our actions

EXAMPLE: "*when the Holy Spirit fills you, He controls your thoughts and your actions*"¹

- 1. His work in our lives is by knowledge
- 2. He does not manipulate or control our actions or thoughts
- 3. We know this because:
 - a. Apostles (baptized in the Holy Spirit) could act contrary to the Spirit
 - b. Believers can act contrary to the Spirit

- B. He does not provide additional revelations

EXAMPLE: "*I believe 95 percent of our life's purpose is readily found in the Bible. The purpose of our life is to glorify Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and to love people. The Holy Spirit will reveal the finer details of our purpose, such as where we will work, whom we will marry, and where we will live, as we study the Bible and walk in faith*"²

- 1. His manifestation is as the Word of God, the Bible
- 2. He says He is the total of our need for revelation
- 3. To add additional revelation would be to be self-contradictory

- C. He does not baptize believers today

EXAMPLE: "*It is God's will -- it is His commandment -- that we be baptized, or filled with the Holy Spirit: 'Be filled with the Spirit' (Ephesians 5:18). The knowledge and reality of the empowering Spirit enables us to reproduce the works of Jesus*"³.

- 1. That baptism was to the Apostles alone

- D. He does not manifest Himself separate from Scriptures

EXAMPLE: "*The Bible is not clear on this but all the evidence suggests that the Spirit possesses our inner being (Ephesians 3:16), establishing an intimate bond (Pink 1978, p. 93), and imparting to us spiritual understanding and divine influence.*"⁴

- 1. Personal Indwelling

- E. He does not illuminate Scriptures; He IS Scripture

EXAMPLE: "*Christians need to ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His inspired Word for us, to protect us from imposing our own agendas upon it.*"⁵

- 1. He does not make Scripture understood separate from Scripture
- 2. He says He is understandable in His current manifestation

- F. He Does not operate directly in the heart of the Sinner to obedience

Example: "*man is so spiritually dead that only a miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit can produce regeneration. This majority view asserts that the Spirit must operate directly -- even irresistibly -- on a sinner's heart in order to burn away the sinful nature which keeps man from accepting God's will*"⁶

- 1. The False doctrine of original sin and sinful nature teach a sinner CANNOT know God
 - a. Misapplication of I Corinthians 2

¹ <http://www.startingwithgod.com/new-life/spirit-filled/>

² 5 ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a believer by Sutton Turner, www.theresurgence.com

³ The Baptism in the Holy Spirit By CBN.com

⁴ The Holy Spirit and the Effect of His Indwelling and Infilling Ministries on the Christian Life by Andrew S. Kulikovsky
B.App.Sc(Hons) , August 1997

⁵ What's the Difference Between Inspiration and Illumination? By Dr. Paul M. Elliott, Teaching the Word Ministries

⁶ Holy Spirit Conversion by Mark White, Expository Files 10.5, May 2003