

Christmas 2017 (3) - A Man Moved by the Holy Spirit

Simeon

Luk 2:21-30 ESV And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ... 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was **righteous** and **devout**, **waiting** for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him**. 26 And it had been **revealed** to him **by the Holy Spirit** that **he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ**. 27 And **he came in the Spirit into the temple**, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

We need to be people of character, **AS WELL AS** moved by the Holy Spirit

Simeon described as a man of CHARACTER

- **Righteous** - equitable --- **Devout** - careful, circumspect --- **Waiting** for the consolation

BUT ALSO the Holy Spirit was prevalent -- (we need both -- character & power of the Holy Spirit)

- The Holy Spirit was **UPON him** vs 25
- The Holy Spirit **REVEALED to him** vs 26
- The Holy Spirit **LED him** vs 27

When the Holy Spirit is UPON a person something happens - OT examples

The Holy Spirit came upon a person to enable them to do what the LORD has called them to do

- Luk 1:35 ESV The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore **the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God**.
- Jdg 14:6 The Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him [Samson] so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands...
- 1Sa 16:13 ESV [*Samuel poured the oil on David's head*] And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David [KJV came powerfully upon David] from that day forward...
- 1Sa 10:6 [*Samuel told Saul*] ... The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and **you will prophesy** with them; and you will be **changed into a different person**.

In the NT Jesus stressed the **necessity** of the HOLY SPIRIT's role in our lives

- **He put it this way** --- Luk 24:49 ESV And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. **But STAY [kiv WAIT]in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**

Then he tells them the source of that power

- Act 1:8 But you will receive POWER **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Holy Spirit came UPON them on the day of Pentecost

- Act 2:4 ESV 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues** as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- **The same thing happened in Ephesus** -- Act 19:6 ESV And when Paul had laid his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them**, and they began **speaking in tongues and prophesying**.
- **And at Cornelius' house** -- Act 10:44-47 ESV While Peter was still saying these things, **the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word**. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 **For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God**. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

The apostles identified this "coming upon" of the Holy Spirit as what Jesus called the Baptism in the Holy Spirit - we see the result -- speaking in tongues

- Act 11:15-16 ESV As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit**.'

Has the Holy Spirit come upon you?

The Holy Spirit Reveals Things

Spend time in the word so He can speak to you

- **Quoting from Psalm 110** -- Mar 12:36 ESV **David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared**, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'
- Act 28:25 ESV And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "**The Holy Spirit was right** in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:
- Luk 12:12 ESV **for the Holy Spirit will teach you** in that very hour **what you ought to say**."
- Joh 14:26 ESV 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 have said to you**.
- 1Jn 2:27 ESV But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true**, and is no lie--just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Stay in fellowship with other believers, because the Holy Spirit speaks through others

- Act 20:23 ESV except that **the Holy Spirit testifies to me** in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.
- Act 21:11 ESV And coming to us, he **[Agabus]** took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "**Thus says the Holy Spirit**, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit when He convicts us of sin

- Rom 9:1 ESV I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; **my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit--**
- Joh 16:8 ESV And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin** and righteousness and judgment:

The Holy Spirit Leads us -- at times almost imperceptibly

Sometimes He directly reveals the first steps of HIS plans

- Act 13:2-4 ESV While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."** 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. 4 **So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit,** they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Then he intervenes - in a way his leading was more discovered than known

- Act 16:6-9 ESV And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.** 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

The first step was to obey the angel when he told him to go to the desert

- Act 8:29 ESV **And the Spirit said to Philip,** "Go over and join this chariot."

He leads us with just enough information to get us to the next step

- Act 10:19 ESV And while Peter was pondering the vision, **the Spirit said to him,** "Behold, three men are looking for you."

Summary

Are you a man of character AND moved by the spirit?

1) If you have never been baptized in the Holy Spirit - Pray to receive it

- Act 2:17-18 ESV "'And in the **last days** it shall be, God declares, that **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

2) If you are baptized in the Holy Spirit

- **Pray in the spirit** -- Jud 1:20 ESV But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and **praying in the Holy Spirit** [*Paul said I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all*]

3) Desire to be used in spiritual gifts -- 1Co 14:1 & 39 -ESV Pursue love, and **earnestly desire** the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy... ... 39 So, my brothers, **earnestly desire** to prophesy, and **do not forbid** speaking in tongues.

4) Look for divine appointments - there are times the LORD leads us and we are not even aware...but afterward we recognize that it was GOD