

## Class 10 Outline The Holy Spirit

1. Who is the Holy Spirit
  - a. A Divine Person (John 14:16-17)
  - b. Dwells with us (1 Cor 3:16)
  - c. Powers of the Holy Spirit
    - i. Baptism is to be given in His name (Mt 28:19)
    - ii. The Incarnation is accomplished (Mt 1:18)
    - iii. Sins are forgiven (Jn 20:22-23)
    - iv. The love of God is poured into our hearts. (1 Cor 6:11)
    - v. Bestows wisdom and strengthens faith (Acts 6:3-5)
    - vi. Source of Grace and gifts (1 Cor 12:3-11)
2. Filioque
  - a. We profess: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son." – Nicene Creed
  - b. The Greek Orthodox remove the "and the son"
  - c. Scripture confirms the Catholic statement
  - d. Summary of St. Augustine
    - i. "The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as principle, and, through the latter's timeless gift to the Son, from the Father and the Son in communion." (*De Trinitate* XI, 25, 47)
3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - a. For the sanctification of oneself
    - i. The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit are dispositions provided by God as supernatural helps to man in the process of his perfection. They enable him to transcend the limitations of human reason and human nature to participate in the very life of God as Christ promised.
    - ii. Since grace builds upon nature, the 7 gifts work hand in hand with the 7 virtues and the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit and the 8 beatitudes
    - iii. 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
      1. Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe)
  - b. For the sanctification of others (Charisms)
    - i. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Cor 12:7)
      1. Different parts of the same body (1 Cor 12:12-27)
    - ii. Motivation Gifts
      1. Romans 12:6-8
      2. Those gifts given to us by God to be used to build up the Kingdom of God
        - a. 7 motivational Gifts
          - i. Prophecy, Ministry, Teacher, Exhorter, Contributor, Administrator, One who shows mercy

iii. Charismatic Gifts

1. Expression of Knowledge
  - a. a supernatural revelation of facts that we did not learn through the efforts of the natural mind.
2. Expression of Wisdom
  - a. a supernatural insight given which reveals God's timing and method of ministry in a given situation.
3. Discernment of Spirit
  - a. the supernatural ability to recognize whether a person is being motivated by the Holy Spirit
4. Tongues
  - a. the ability to communicate with people in other languages
    - i. Not to be confused with speaking in some indiscernible utterance
      1. Remember these gifts are not for the good of the person, but for the good of others and so an inability to understand what is uttered must mean it is not a gift of the spirit.

4. Fruits of the Holy Spirit

- a. The 9 attributes of a person or community that is living in accord with the Holy Spirit
- b. "In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is The (Galatians 5:22-23)

5. Sin against the Holy Spirit

- a. "Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven." (Luke 12:10)
- b. "the refusal to accept the salvation which God offers to man through the Holy Spirit" (Pope John Paul II, *Dominum et Vivificantem* No. 46)
  - i. a sin of stubbornness that refuses the mercy of God
    1. Despair
    2. Presumption
      - a. Obstinacy
      - b. Resisting truth
      - c. Envy of another's spiritual welfare

6. Heresies of the Holy Spirit

- a. "In no other subject is the danger of erring so great, or the progress so difficult, or the fruit of a careful study so appreciable" St. Augustine *On the Holy Trinity* I.3.5.
- b. Arianism
  - i. Holy Spirit is the power of God but not a separate being with a separate consciousness
- c. Pneumatomachians
  - i. Semi-Arians who believed that Holy Spirit was not God, but rather a spirit who ranked higher than the angels.

- ii. Condemned at the Council of Constantinople in 381
  - d. Greek Orthodox
    - i. the Holy Spirit is truly God, but proceeds from the Father alone.
- 7. Review
  - a. The Holy Spirit is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Blessed Trinity who Dwells with us
  - b. We profess that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son
  - c. The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit are dispositions provided by God as supernatural helps to man in the process of our perfection
    - i. They include Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.
  - d. The Holy Spirit also gives Motivational and Charismatic Gifts
  - e. The 9 fruits (attributes) are a sign that a person is living in accord with the Holy Spirit
    - i. They include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
  - f. The sin against the Spirit is a refusal to accept the salvation God offers to all people through the Holy Spirit.
- 8. Reflection
  - a. We ought to pray to and invoke the Holy Spirit, for each one of us greatly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down with trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more to fly to Him who is the never-ceasing fount of light, strength, consolation, and holiness. And chiefly that first requisite of man, the forgiveness of sins, must be sought for from Him: "It is the special character of the Holy Ghost that He is the Gift of the Father and the Son. Now the remission of all sins is given by the Holy Ghost as by the Gift of God." Concerning this Spirit the words of the Liturgy are very explicit: "For He is the remission of all sins." How He should be invoked is clearly taught by the Church, who addresses Him in humble supplication, calling upon Him by the sweetest of names: "Come, Father of the poor! Come, Giver of gifts! Come, Light of our hearts! O. best of Consolers, sweet Guest of the soul, our refreshment!" She earnestly implores Him to wash, heal, water our minds and hearts, and to give to us who trust in Him "the merit of virtue, the acquirement of salvation, and joy everlasting." Nor can it be in any way doubted that He will listen to such prayer, since we read the words written by His own inspiration: "The Spirit Himself asketh for us with unspeakable groanings" (Rom. viii., 26). Lastly, we ought confidently and continually to beg of Him to illuminate us daily more and more with His light and inflame us with His charity: for, thus inspired with faith and love, we may press onward earnestly towards our eternal reward, since He "is the pledge of our inheritance" (Eph. i. 14). – Pope Leo XIII Encyclical Letter *Divinum Illud Munus* May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1897.
- 9. Additional Readings
  - a. John Gresham, *Holy Spirit 101: Present Among Us*. Liguori. 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0764819858

- b. Raniero Cantalamessa, *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit: Filled with the Fullness of God*. Servant. 2005. **ISBN-13:** 978-0867167139