

Important points from Dr. Ramsey's sermon on the Holy Spirit:

- Monumental biblical moments: creation, the fall, coming of Christ: incarnation, death, resurrection, ascension, session (sitting at His Father's right hand), and Pentecost (aspects of Christ's work, the outworking of God's plan of redemption)
- Who is the Holy Spirit: **He is a person**, the third person of the trinity
- He is not an energy, as the J.W.s and others believe, as the force in the movie: Star Wars
- He operates and interacts in the following personal ways: hears, convicts of sin, commands, guides, brings to remembrance, speaks, distributes gifts according to His will, intercedes, teaches, bears witness, grieves, and He can be sinned against
- **He is God:** Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit [one cannot lie to a force, only a person]
- Act 5:4 While it remained unsold,...You have not lied to man but to God."
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct person, yet One God
- Roles of each: The Father sent the Son; The Son came to accomplish the work of salvation
- The Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to apply the work of Christ
- Jesus is our Helper; the Holy Spirit is another helper (of the same kind), see John 14
- In John 3, Jesus received the Holy Spirit without measure; He lived and ministered in the power of the Spirit
- Jesus, as the risen Lord, presently baptizes us with His Spirit, the Holy Spirit
- The apostle Paul said, if the Spirit dwells in you, then Christ dwells in you: that is, they are equivalent
- The Holy Spirit's work in redemption: The work of Christ is useless to us unless it is applied to us by the Holy Spirit: e.g.: if I inherited a billion dollars, it would be of no use to me unless it was deposited into my account
- Pentecost is so important because on that day, Jesus sent His Spirit to apply His work to us
- There is no salvation apart from Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, session and Pentecost: Christ's Spirit needed to be poured out and we need to be filled with Him
- He UNITES us to Christ that we might be justified – declared righteous in His sight
- He REGENERATES us: makes us alive in Christ; i.e. we are given spiritual life and our spiritual eyes are opened: to "make alive" and to be "born again" are equivalent phrases: John in ch. 3, uses born again; Paul in Eph. 2 uses make alive
- He SANCTIFIES us, makes us holy (without holiness, no one will see the Lord, Heb. 12)
- He CONFORMS us to Christ's image
- He TEACHES, ENLIGHTENS, LEADS, ASSURES us; makes us wise; preserves us
- To say that Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3), we need to **believe** that He is, we can't do that unless we have been made alive spiritually. **To merely speak the words does not indicate one believes them and has the Spirit**
- The word "sound" in the phrase "sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind" is equivalent to Genesis 1:2 "hovering" and Ezekiel 37: 5 "breath," these all refer to the new creation, new life that is the Spirit's work in redemption

- To speak in tongues is to speak in a different language: if you spoke Korean, you'd be speaking in another tongue, an interpreter would be required to ascertain the meaning of your speech
- The Holy Spirit enabled men to speak in other tongues at Pentecost because there were people of other nations present; more importantly, that was symbolically stating that the gospel is for people of every race and tongue in the earth
- Furthermore, at the tower of Babel, God divided the people by confusing their languages; Pentecost intimates that God will be bringing Unity via the gospel and the new life, undoing what He did at Babel
- This work of the Spirit at Pentecost (the festival of first fruits) was significant also because the 3000 converts of Peter's sermon, are God's gospel first fruits; we are fruits of a fuller harvest to come
- In John 16 the Spirit was to come to convict the world of Sin, of righteousness, of judgment
- Of sin: [Act 2:23](#) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- Of righteousness: [Act 2:22](#) Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: [Act 2:24](#) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
- Of judgment: Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Act 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.