

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Do You Want to See God

Part Two

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Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For in it (in the Gospel) [the] righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS [man] SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

- For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed
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- Righteousness is that which is acceptable to God – And the Gospel reveals Gods Way...
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- The complete Gospel is made up of four distinct books
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- Each book has that which is unique within it
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- For instance, Where Mathew and Luke reveal different aspects of the birth of Jesus
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- Mark stresses the miracles of Jesus
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- And John focuses on the New Birth and Holy Spirit

But there are two extremely important truths that are found in all four of the Gospels:

1. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is found in all four gospels...
2. And Jesus coming to baptize His believers with the Holy Ghost and Fire is found in all four gospels

Much of the modern day church has been guilty of preaching an incomplete gospel:

- We focus almost completely upon the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we should
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- But very few proclaim His mission to baptize all believers with the Holy Ghost and fire
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- And yet these two completely different works of Jesus are part of all four gospels

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- To emphasize one while neglecting the other is to preach an incomplete gospel

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus Himself reveals what the complete Gospel is, and this is the Gospel His church has been commanded to preach:

Luke 24:44 Now He (Jesus) said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luke 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, **47** and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** "You are witnesses of these things.

Verse 49

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- The promise of My Father refers to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that began on the day of Pentecost
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- Yet was prophesied about in the Old Testament just like the death and resurrection of Jesus was prophesied about in the Old Testament
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- Isaiah 32:15 and 44:3, and Ezekiel 39:29 as well as Joel 2:28 all prophesy about the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon believers as being part of the finished work of Christ
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- In all four gospels John the Baptist prophesies about Jesus baptizing His saints with the Holy Ghost and Fire
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- And chapter 14, 15, and 16 of the Gospel of John all contain the promise of the Father that was to be given to the saints to empower us for service
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- And the gospel of Mark ends with the declaration that these signs shall follow them that believe, of which speaking in tongues is one of the signs that are mentioned, and speaking in tongues is a result of being baptized with the Holy Spirit
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- As a matter of fact, one of the cardinal doctrines of the Gospels as well as throughout the entire New Testament scripture is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
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- One of the key works of Jesus coming as the Savior and Lord on earth was to baptize His people with the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit.
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- And this truth is found in all four gospels
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- How can anyone justify preaching the gospel and yet excluding the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Back in the Garden of Eden:

Genesis 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

John 14:16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; **17** [that is] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, [but] you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Luke 24:47 (*Jesus told His disciples*) that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; *but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*"

In Vs 47 -Beginning From Jerusalem: ... *but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*"

Matthew 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

What gospel?

The one that includes the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire

God told Jeremiah to take a waist band and bury it under some rocks near a stream of water:

- **After awhile God told Jeremiah to dig up the waistband and he did and the waist band was ruined**

Jeremiah 13:11 'For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah cling to Me,' declares the LORD, 'that they might be for Me a people, for renown, for praise and for glory; but they did not listen.'

The waist band: Israel and Judah were the two distinct groups of Old Testament believers.

- **One had the Tabernacle and the ark of the presence of God, the other had substitutes and excuses and were subject to great deceptions.**
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- **Jeroboam led Israel in separating from King Solomons son Rehoboam and discouraged the children of Israel from sojourning to Jerusalem to worship in the presence of God**
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- **The same thing is happening today, just as it did in the Old Covenant**
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- **God's church is divided in two**
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- **Those who are spirit-filled and host the presence of the Lord in their lives and in their meetings and in their service**
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- **And those who have been deceived into thinking the Holy Spirit and His power left with the Apostles**
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- **Yet on the day of Pentecost Peter famously said, this Holy Spirit whom you see operating today, is for you, your children, and as many as will believe a far off...**

Listen to the Prophet Isaiah as he makes mention of the Holy Spirit:

Isaiah 63:7 I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has granted us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has granted them according to His compassion And according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.

VS. 8 For He said, "Surely, they are My people, Sons who will not deal falsely." So He became their Savior. 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. ...

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.

Isaiah 63:11 Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them,

Isaiah 63:12 Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, 13 Who led them through the depths? Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble; 14 As the cattle which go down into the valley, The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So You led Your people, To make for Yourself a glorious name.

Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me. 16 For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father, Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

Isaiah 63:17 Why, O LORD, do You cause us to stray from Your ways And harden our heart from fearing You? Return for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your heritage.

Isaiah 63:18 Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary for a little while, Our adversaries have trodden [it] down. 19 We have become [like] those over whom You have never ruled, [Like] those who were not called by Your name.