The Continuing Work Of The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:12-15

Introduction

The Holy Spirit was sent into the world to provide the believer with a "fourth dimension" of living, the ability to perceive the spiritual world and to operate in that world. The Holy Spirit is a special gift from the Father to open our understanding into the spiritual world and the workings of our Father.

I. We gain insight into two distinct spiritual worlds

1 Corinthians 2:12 NIV We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

- A. The spirit of the world
 - 1. The spirit of cosmos
 - 2. The pervasive unseen spirit world of evil
- B. The Spirit of God
 - 1. Our guide into living for God
 - 2. The giver of spiritual gifts

II. We become educated by God's Spirit

John 14:26 NIV But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said unto you.

- A. He will teach us to rely on God
- B. He gives intelligence of 'the activities of satanic spirits
 - 1. The discerning of spirits
 - 2. The word of wisdom
 - 3. The word of knowledge
- C. He will teach us to look beyond human wisdom
- D. He will help us understand the principles of the kingdom of God

III. We operate in the mind of Christ

<u>1 Corinthians 2:16b NIV</u> But we have the mind of Christ.

<u>Philippians 2:5 NIV</u> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

- A. Having the same compassion as Jesus
- B. Having the same power as Jesus

John 14:12 NIV I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

C. Having the same actions and attitude as Jesus