

Principles Of The Faith- 12

Offices of Christ, Work of The Holy Spirit, Baptism in H.S.

Main Points

- ▶ Jesus is our Prophet, Priest & King
- ▶ When Jesus ascended into Heaven He became our High Priest
- ▶ So that we might receive grace and help in time of need
- ▶ Jesus was also enthroned as Son of God and co-regent in Heaven
- ▶ And made a King-Priest of the Order of Melchizedek
- ▶ He then poured out the Holy Spirit, so that He might fill all things
- ▶ And baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, sending Him upon us in power
- ▶ To love us, mature us, empower us and give us wisdom and grace
- ▶ Giving gifts to men (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers)
- ▶ In order that the body of Christ may grow into fullness and maturity
- ▶ Bringing all men unto Himself, blameless, holy and undefiled
- ▶ After which He shall return to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus As Prophet

- ▶ Prophet: Jesus was “the prophet spoken by Moses” (Deut: 18:15,18; Jn 1:45, 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22-24)
- ▶ Jesus called Himself a prophet (Matt 13:57)
- ▶ The Jews called Jesus a prophet (Matt 21;11; Lk 7;16, Jn 4:19, 9:17)
- ▶ The OT prophets ended with John the Baptist (Matt 11:11-13; Lk 7:26-28)
- ▶ The prophets spoke of Jesus (Lk 24:25-27, Acts 28:23)
- ▶ The OT prophets had a lesser revelation than that of Jesus (Heb 1:1-2, 3:1)
- ▶ Jesus is the Son of God and the Word of God and so His testimony is the Spirit of prophecy (Jn 1:1, 14:9; Rev 19:10)

Jesus As Our High Priest -1

- ▶ Jesus is now at the Right Hand of the Father
Matthew 22:44, 26:64, Mark 12:36, 14:62, 16:19, Luke 20:42, 22:69, Acts 2:25, 2:33-34, 5:31, 7:55-56, Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:20, Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 1:3, 1;13, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2, Rev 5:7
- ▶ Jesus is our High Priest: Romans 8:34; Hebrews 2:17, 3:1, 4:14-16, 5:5, 5:10, 6:20, 7:26, 8:1-8, 9:11,25; 13:11-12
- ▶ Who has passed through the Heavens (Eph 4:10, Heb 4:14) and is before the presence of God on our behalf (Heb 9:23,24)
- ▶ This is a vastly superior priesthood: Heb. 6:20, 7:26, 8:1
- ▶ Of the eternal order of Melchizedek: Psalm 110 and Hebrews chapters 6 & 7

Jesus As Our High Priest - 2

- ▶ A perfect sacrifice for sin (Heb 13:26) offered once for all time (Heb 7:27; 9:12; 9:24-28; 10:1-2, 0,12,14)
- ▶ Who Continually Brings Us Near To God
Heb 6:19,20;9:1-7; 10:19-22
- ▶ And Intercedes For Us : Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34 the GK. Word entyghano = petitioning on someone's behalf, making specific requests, pleading (Acts 25:24, Rom 11:2)
- ▶ As our Mediator (1 Tim 2:5)
- ▶ So that we might find help and grace in time of need (Heb 4:14-16)
- ▶ And is able to sympathize with our weaknesses (Heb 2:14-18)



Order of Melchizedek

- ▶ Psalm 110 and Hebrews chapters 6 & 7
- ▶ King-Priest: King of Salem (Peace) and Tzedek (Righteousness)
- ▶ Eternal without genealogy, power of an endless life
- ▶ A priest who accepts tithes and has an offering of bread & wine
- ▶ Replaces the Aaronic priesthood based on human life and which was temporary
- ▶ From Judah (Jerusalem) not Levi
- ▶ Pre-incarnate Christ figure
- ▶ Blesses Abraham, the greater blesses the lesser
- ▶ Abraham pays him tithes therefore Levi pays M. tithes
- ▶ A priesthood of people who have eternal life (Jesus & Christians)



Enthronement (see article)

- ▶ Jesus becomes co-regent with the Father and is enthroned in Heaven as the Son of God after the resurrection (Rom 1:4) and His ascension to the right hand of God where He is now seated.
(Mark 16:19, Eph 1:20; Heb 1:3, 8:1; 10:12)
- ▶ Sat down = enthroned, is now the Lamb upon the Throne (Rev 5:13, 7:17)
- ▶ Prior to Pentecost (Acts 2:30-36)
- ▶ He is now Prince and Savior (Acts 5:29-32)
- ▶ Higher than the Angels (Hebrews 1)
- ▶ Above all other thrones (Eph 1:19-23; Col 1:16; 1 Tim 6:13-16)
- ▶ Has all authority in Heaven and on earth (Matt 18:18-20)
- ▶ This exaltation is a reward for His obedience (Phil 2:5-11, Heb 12:2)
- ▶ The nations will become a footstool for His feet (Heb 10:12-14)



Jesus Pours Out The Spirit

- ▶ Eph 4:10; Acts 2:33
- ▶ Matthew 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16;
- ▶ Luke 11:13, John 3:34
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is given to three groups of people (which are one)
- ▶ **Those that thirst for the waters of life** - (Revelation 21:6 NASB) And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.
Those that believe - (John 7:39 NASB) But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
Those who obey - (Acts 5:32 NASB) "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."



The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

- ▶ Is when the Holy Spirit comes upon you to make you a powerful witness for Christ (Acts 1:5,8)
- ▶ Baptizo – to immerse, immersed in God
- ▶ Separate and different from water baptism, water baptism – John, Spirit baptism - Christ
- ▶ A normal part of the Christian life: conversion, water baptism, Spirit baptism. (Analogy: falling in love, marriage, consummation)
- ▶ Part of the reason for Jesus' ascension into Heaven (Eph 4:10)
- ▶ Accompanied by spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:7-16)
- ▶ Tongues a minor but still important gift (1 Cor. Chapter 14)
- ▶ Gifts are for the edification of the Church (1 Cor. 12:1-11)



All Is In Christ

- ▶ All the blessings in the heavenly realms are in Christ (Eph 1:3)
- ▶ But that does not mean that we unfold them all at conversion (for instance we don't get our resurrection body then)
- ▶ There is an unfolding of redemption, sanctification and glorification.
- ▶ Everything is in Christ but it is released by faith "according to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9:29) and our Christian life is "from faith to faith" (Rom 1:17, Gal 3:2; Matt 17:20)
- ▶ We receive the Spirit in us (an inward work of wisdom and character) at conversion (Jn 20:22) producing fruit (Gal 5:22,23, Rom 8:9) and imparting wisdom (1 Cor 2:9-16, 1 Jn 2:20,27)
- ▶ We receive the Holy Spirit "upon" us at our Pentecost experience (Acts 1:8, 2:17-18; Numbers 11:25-29) – power for ministry / witness / gifts
- ▶ Jesus had the Spirit "in" Him from conception giving Jesus wisdom but the Spirit came "upon" Him at His baptism (Matthew 3:16) giving Jesus power to do miracles. Disciples to wait until the Spirit came "upon" them (Acts 1)



The Work Of The Holy Spirit

- ▶ Creation / Life: Gen 1:2; Ps. 104:30; Job 34:14-15; Rom 8:11
- ▶ Spiritual Life: Jn 6:83; 2 Cor. 3:6; Acts 10:44-47; Titus 3:5
- ▶ Born-Again: Jn 3:1-8; Gal 4:29; 1 Jn. 3:9; 4:7; 5:1,4,18
- ▶ Blessing: Isa. 32:14-18 and Spiritual Fruit: Gal 5:22,23
- ▶ Love: Romans 5:1-5, Eph 3:14-21
- ▶ Wisdom: 1 Cor 2:9-16, Jn 14:26, Eph 1;17, Col 1:9, 1 Jn. 2:20,27,
- ▶ Holiness / Sanctification: Jn 16:8-11; Acts 7:51; 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5; Matt 3:11, Lk 3:16; 2 Cor. 3:16-18, 1 Peter 1:2;
- ▶ Empowerment for Ministry: Acts 1:8, Eph 4:7-16, 1 Cor. 12, Matt 12:28
- ▶ Assurance of Salvation: Rom. 8:16; 1 Jn 3:14; 4:13
- ▶ Unity & Community: Acts 2:16-18, 44-47; 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil 2:1-2; Eph 2:18,22; 4:3;



Prayer For Baptism In The Holy Spirit

- ▶ *Lord Jesus Christ, You ascended into Heaven so that You might fill all things in Heaven and on earth with yourself, Lord Jesus, You are the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and so I ask You to be my Baptizer and to baptize me with the Holy Spirit in power.
Please fill me with the Holy Spirit now so that I might be Your witness and glorify Your Name and also grant me gifts of the Spirit according to Your will for the building up of the saints.
I now receive the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith believing that You will do as You have said in Your Holy Word.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

