

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerRay Reynolds
 Announcements/Prayer.....Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerTerry Dyer
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King
 Al St. Clair * * Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening PrayerLamar King

Lord's Supper

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of May..... King Family

Month of JuneBrandie Madison

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 26Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

June 2Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - May 29, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Terry Dyer

Song Leader.....Lamar King

Devotional.....Randy Rives

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

Elders

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TOM FAIR (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656

BUILDING/GROUNDS

BYRON MADISON..... (601) 227-1374

YOUTH

RANDY RIVES..... (601) 513-4785

EDUCATION & WORSHIP

ALBERT ST. CLAIR (601) 626-7815

Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	*
Sunday Morning Worship	54
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Study	34

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,965.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 19, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 26, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Holy Spirit in Paul's Letters ~ Part 1 of 2

Several weeks ago we started a series of lessons on the Holy Spirit. Our goal was to shine some light on this fascinating subject. We have already noted that due to some false teaching within Christendom, and even in our fellowship of the churches of Christ, people have misunderstood the nature and work of the Holy Spirit. One who knew this subject much more than we could imagine is the apostle Paul; he wrote about the Holy Spirit often in his letters.

Paul is the one who tells us that the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts and manifestations (the outshining) of His presence to and through the body of Christ (**I Corinthians 12:4-10**). As we have read in the gospels, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the ability to cast out demons (**Matthew 12:28**) and as we saw in Acts, the Holy Spirit was meant to be a seal for the believer in Christ (**Acts 2:38-39**).

What does Paul teach in the letters to the Corinthians? The Holy Spirit knows the things of God, because He is God (**I Corinthians 2:11**). One of the purposes of the Holy Spirit is to teach us (**I Corinthians 2:13, John 14:26**). Because of this, the Holy Spirit can reveal the deep things of God to us, especially as we read His word (**I Corinthians 2:10, II Timothy 3:16-17**). The Holy Spirit reveals what has been given to us from God (**I Corinthians 2:12, II Peter 1:19-20**).

By the time Paul reaches chapter twelve he is in full stride! The church in Corinth needed to understand the core teachings of Christianity. Paul reveals more and more of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. The Holy Spirit intends to work through God's people (**I Corinthians 12:3**). Paul also harkens back to his teaching in **Romans 6-8** by recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian baptism which places us into the body of Christ (**I Corinthians 12:13**).

In the second letter to the Corinthians he says that the Holy Spirit brings liberty (**II Corinthians 3:17**), that He transforms us into the image of Christ (**II Corinthians 3:18**), and is our guarantee and deposit of the future resurrection (**II Corinthians 1:22, 5:5**). Much of this is also referred to in the letter to the Romans.

In the book of Galatians, Paul says that the Holy Spirit cries in our hearts, "Abba, Father" aiding us in prayer (**Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:26-27**), He enables us to wait (**Galatians 5:5**), He grants everlasting life (**Galatians 6:8**), and that He produces in us the fruit or evidence of His work and presence (**Galatians 5:22-23**). Without these blessings a Christian would be bankrupt in their walk with God. A walk with God is a "spiritual" walk!

Next week we will consider the rest of Paul's letters. He has much to say about the work of the Holy Spirit. Have a great week!

✠ Ray Reynolds ✠

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