

THEMATIC BIBLE OVERVIEW: The Spirit

Introduction: Getting to know Him – the retiring person of the Trinity (John 16:4b-15)

Era of Bible	Key Passages	The Holy Spirit is...	His work is...	In partnership with the Word & Jesus	So what?
CREATION	Gen 1:2; Ps 33:6; Ez 37:1-14; John 3:8; 6:63; 20:22; Rom 8:2; 9-10; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23	The creator God A mighty wind The Spirit of Life	Giving life REGENERATION	Works with the word Sent by Jesus He unites us with Christ	Awe Preach
FALL	Is 63:10-13; Jer 23:29; Matt 3:11; Acts 2:3; 5:1-11; 7:51; Eph 4:30; Heb 3:7, 11-12; 2 Pet 1:19-21	The holy God A fire The Spirit of Prophecy	Speaking Purifying SANCTIFICATION	Word is the sword of the Spirit Sent by Jesus Points to and conforms to Christ	Fear Read/hear Keep in step
REDEMPTION	Num 11:29; John 16:14; Acts 2:16-18; 4:31; 10:44-47; Rom 8:16; 1 Cor 2:14; 12:1-7; 14:1-5; 2 Cor 3:15-18; Gal 4:6; Eph 5:18-21; Heb 8:10-11	The Counsellor- Strengthener Power from on high The Spirit of Truth A missionary Spirit	EQUIPPING - all God's people - Jews & Gentiles - to know God / law - to build up church - for witness to world	Poured out by Jesus Ministers to us by Christ's words Empowers to speak the word of God To glorify Jesus	Be involved in his ministry
NEW CREATION	John 5:28; Romans 8:11, 16-17, 23, 26; 2 Cor 1:22; 5:4-5; Eph 1:13-14; 1 Thess 4:16	The guarantee The first fruit The Spirit of resurrection	Sealing RESURRECTION	Raised Christ as first-fruit Will resurrect in parallel with word of Christ	Look forward

The Big Message: The Spirit is working for our salvation in Christ by the Word.

1. He is the Lord and Giver of Life
2. He Spoke by the Prophets
3. He Equips the Church for Mission
4. He is the Eschatological Spirit

FURTHER RESOURCES:

- Vaughan Roberts - *Life big questions*, chp 5
- Good Book Guide – *The Holy Spirit*
- J I Packer – *Keep in Step with the Spirit*
- Peter Adam – *Hearing God's Words*
- David Jackman – *The Spirit of Truth*
- Stott et al – *When God's Voice is Heard*, chp 3
- Third Mill – [The Holy Spirit](#)