

## The Spirit: The Eschatological Spirit

Recap:

1. He is a Person, Fully God, Great work to glorify Jesus (John 16:14)
2. The Giver of Life, Sovereign, Breath of God, WIND
3. Had the Bible written, Speaks now as the Bible is read and preached faithfully, FIRE
4. Equips the Church for a speaking mission to the ends of the earth, TONGUES

Some of the questions we started with:

- What is the Spirit's work?
- How do you know if you are filled with the Spirit?
- Can He leave you?

Key Passages	The Holy Spirit is...	His work is...	In partnership with the Word & Jesus	So what?
John 5:28-29; Romans 8:11, 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

**Key point: The Holy Spirit is given in the last days to give us a longing for The Last Day when He will raise us to meet Christ**

- Look at Romans 8:11-26.
    - What is the work of the Spirit here?
    - What are the marks that we have the Spirit?
1. The pouring out of the Spirit was an End Time Event.
    - a. Isaiah 32:14-18 – the prophesied Edenic kingdom
    - b. Acts 2:17 – the last days
  2. Our understanding of the Spirit and his work must be future focused.
    - a. The idea of a 'seal' or a 'deposit' or a 'guarantee' is that there is a future, a certain future that we only have an anticipation and foretaste of now (Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This idea of seal and guarantee also suggests strongly that the Spirit, when he is given in this way, is irrevocable and will not be taken away from the genuinely regenerate person.

- b. We are adopted and redeemed now but the Spirit causes us to long for and groan for our full adoption and redemption at the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:16-17, 23, 26; 2 Cor. 5:4-5). *The key work of the Spirit in this age is to cause us to long for the next.*
- c. The final resurrection (of the saved and unsaved - John 5:28-29) is The Great Hope for believers. It is the Spirit who will raise us at Jesus' command on this Day (Rom. 8:11 cf. Ezek. 37).

Implications:

- As Piper has shown (*Future Grace*), faith is primarily a future focused longing desire. And this future focused longing desire is the source of all progress and fruit in the Christian life. And this future focused longing desire is a work (perhaps the chief work) of the Spirit in us.

Further reading:

- J I Packer, *Keep in Step with The Spirit*, IVP.
- John Piper, [Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God](#) [rev. ed.] (Multnomah Books, 2012).