

Receive the Holy Spirit

by Smith Wigglesworth

The sermon emphasizes the necessity of the Holy Spirit in convicting the world of sin and empowering believers for service.

Scripture: John 16:7, Galatians 3:14

Topics: "Holy Spirit", "Empowerment"

Description

Smith Wigglesworth emphasizes the necessity of receiving the Holy Spirit for an active faith and a clean life, highlighting that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and empowers believers against the forces of evil. He urges believers to prepare their hearts and lives to be filled with the Holy Spirit, asking if they are truly thirsty and willing to make sacrifices for this divine encounter. Wigglesworth stresses that being filled with the Holy Spirit is essential for the church to operate effectively and resist the power of Satan. He challenges listeners to reflect on their readiness to receive the Holy Spirit and the transformative power it brings.

Transcript

That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus.

--Galatians 3:14

Scripture reading: John 16:7-22

When we have the right attitude, faith becomes remarkably active. But it can never be remarkably active in a dead life. When sin is out, when the body is clean, and when the life is made right, then the Holy Spirit comes, and faith brings the evidence.

Why should we tarry, or wait, for the Holy Spirit? Why should we wrestle and pray with a living faith to be made ready? Because we need the Holy Spirit to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment--that is why the Holy Spirit is to come into your body. First of all, your sin is gone, and you can see clearly to speak to others. But Jesus does not want you to point out the speck in somebody else's eye while the plank is in your own. (See Matthew 7:3-5.)

The place of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the only place of operation where the believer binds the power of Satan. Satan thinks that he has a right, and he will have a short time to exhibit that right as the Prince of the World; but he can't be Prince as long as there is one person filled with the Holy Spirit. That is

why the church will go before the Tribulation.

Now, how dare you resist coming into the place of being filled with the life and power of the Holy Spirit? What is the attitude of your life? Are you thirsty? Are you longing? Are you willing to pay the price? Are you willing to forfeit in order to have? Are you willing to allow yourself to die so that He may live? Are you willing for Him to have the right-of-way in your heart, your conscience, and all you are? Are you ready to have God's deluge of blessing upon your soul? Are you ready to be changed forever, to receive the Holy Spirit, to be filled with divine power forever?

Thought for today: There are two sides to the baptism of the Holy Spirit: the first condition is that you possess the baptism; the second is that the baptism possesses you.

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