

1. In the Old Testament: **Spirit comes on some people at some times**
  - a. Creation/Regeneration (Gen. 1:2)
  - b. Empowerment for work
    - i. Bezaleel builds the tabernacle (Ex. 31:2-3)
  - c. Prophecy
    - i. From unbelievers
      1. Balaam prophesies for Israel (Num. 24:2 etc.)
      2. Saul slaughters oxen (1 Sam. 11:6) , prophesies before Samuel (1 Sam. 19:18-24)
    - ii. From believers
      1. Arises from failure of priesthood; e.g, Samuel (Acts 3:24)
      2. Prophecies of warning; e.g. Jeremiah
      3. Prophecies of promise; e.g. Isaiah, Ezekiel
        - a. Future blessings for Israel
        - b. **Pointing to Christ** (1 Peter 1:10-12)
  - d. Types of Spirit
    - i. Dove returns to the ark; e.g. earnest or pledge (Gen. 8:7-12)
    - ii. Pillar of cloud/fire guides Israelites (Ex. 13:21)
    - iii. Oil fuels lampstands (Ex. 27:20-21)
2. In the book of Acts (transitional)
  - a. Given on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
    - i. Partial fulfillment of O.T. prophesy (Joel 2:28-32)
    - ii. Enables proclamation of the gospel in foreign languages
  - b. Authenticates new believers as the Church grows (Acts 10:44-48, 11:15-18, 15:7-9)
  - c. In exceptional cases, conferred by laying on of hands or baptism
    - i. Samaritans (Acts 8:14-17)
    - ii. Paul after conversion (Acts 9:17)
    - iii. Ephesian disciples of John (Acts 19:1-9)
  - d. Spirit given as free gift to all who obey/believe (Acts 5:32)
  - e. Always associated with great boldness and acts of power
  - f. Sometimes enables “sign” gifts such as speaking in tongues or prophesying (Acts 19:6)
  - g. Directs course of action for Lord’s servant (Acts 19:21)
3. In the Church era: **Spirit indwells all believers at all times**
  - a. Essential to convict sinners of their need for a savior (John 16:8)
  - b. Two receptions of the Spirit

- i. Indwelling (Eph. 1:13-14), simultaneous with belief
  - ii. Baptism of the Spirit (Matt. 3:11), thought by some to be a separate and later reception of the Spirit
  - iii. Correct interpretation is that these are the same
    - 1. All saved persons possess the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
- 4. In the end times
  - a. Taken out of the world at the rapture (2 Thess. 2:7)
    - i. Tribulation is time when all restraint on lawlessness of men is removed
  - b. Millennium **Poured out on nation but not indwelling individuals**
    - i. Fulfillment of O.T. promises to Israel
      - 1. Final fulfillment of outpouring of Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28-32)
      - 2. Nation reborn (Ezek. 37:14)
      - 3. New Spirit given to nation (Ezek. 36:25-28, Jer. 31:31-34)
      - 4. Glory of the Lord returns (Ezek. 43:2-5)
      - 5. Spirit pours forth from Jerusalem (Ezek. 47)
  - c. In the eternal heaven
    - i. Pictured as seven spirits before the throne of God (Rev. 4:5)
    - ii. Here is a partial list of what Spirit does now. Which of these will He still perform in heaven?
      - 1. Sanctifies
      - 2. Convicts of sin
      - 3. Shines light of gospel into dark hearts
      - 4. Creates and regenerates
      - 5. Shows Christ
      - 6. Indwells the believer
      - 7. Seals the believer
      - 8. Brings the believer into the Church
      - 9. Opens God's word to us
      - 10. Brings Scripture to mind
      - 11. Gives power to resist sin
      - 12. Directs worship
      - 13. Confers gifts for the building up of the Church
      - 14. Produces fruit
      - 15. Guides prayers
      - 16. Glorifies Christ
- 5. Summary of Holy Spirit's ministry
  - a. Old Testament: **Preparation**
  - b. Today: **Realization**
  - c. Future: **Manifestation**

B. Jones