

Oxford Baptist Church – “Transformed for His Glory.”

March 3, 2019 - Pastor Robin W. Pifer

Message: “Spiritual Blessings from God the Holy Spirit.”

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14

“Redemption: Guaranteed by the Holy Spirit.”

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit – Part One

- **The Holy Spirit is God.** Matt 28:19; Genesis 1:2
- **The Holy Spirit’s Ministry.**
 - Spiritually Baptizes us, fills us and brings spiritual fullness in our lives. Acts 2:38; 4:31; Eph 5:18; Col 2:10
 - Helps us in Prayer. Romans 8:26,27
 - Our Counselor and Comforter. John 16:13
 - Transforms us for Ministry. Gal 5:22
 - Gifts us for Ministry. 1Cor 12; Romans 12, Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 4
 - Guides, Teaches and Warns Us. John 16:13; 1 John 2:27; Acts 20:23
 - We can grieve the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30; Acts 5:3

Our Main purpose, as is the Holy Spirit’s aim, is to Glorify Christ.

“Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us!”

II. The Guarantee of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. Part Two

- Romans 8:16, 9, 11; Ephesians 1:11-14
- **Sealed by the Holy Spirit.** 2Corinthians 1:21-22
 - **Security** – John 10:27-28; Rom 8:38
 - **Authenticity** – 1 John 4:1-3; John 15 – Fruit Bearing
 - **God’s Ownership** – Romans 6:22
 - **Authority** – 2Cor 5:20; Ephesians 6:20

Ephesians 1:14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Life Group Questions

1. Take time to reread Ephesians 1:1-14.
2. How does the Apostle Paul describe the work of God the Father and Jesus Christ in the work of our salvation?
3. Why is it important to understand the Holy Spirit is a person, part of the Holy Trinity of God and not a force?
4. What aspect of the Holy Spirit’s ministry stands out to you in part one of the message?
5. How does this change the view of the Holy Spirit in your life as a follower of Jesus Christ?
6. The Holy Spirit’s work in salvation results in us being baptized in the Spirit, filled in Spirit to experience the fullness of God in our lives. Why is it essential for us to be filled with the Spirit rather than trying to live the Christian life in the flesh?
7. How does the Holy Spirit assist us in our prayer life?
8. Take time to read Galatians chapter 5. What is the difference between a follower of Jesus Christ and those who continue to reject him?
9. What is the spiritual gift(s) has given you to build up the body of Jesus Christ?
10. Is there anything in your life grieving the Holy Spirit of God? Take time to repent and confess this to the Lord and ask Him by faith to fill you with His Spirit to walk in obedience with Jesus.