



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19

Week Ending, November 15th, 2014



*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*

Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship!: Your pastors and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. Please remember the importance of prayer for our worship services, and especially the need for the Spirit's work in preaching. Pray that we would come with expectant hearts to hear what the LORD would say to us! (Hab. 2:1-3).

New Communicant Members: Bob and Linda Manser will be received into membership during our morning worship this **Lord's Day, November 16th**.

Sunday School on The Beauty & Glory of Christian Living!: This week Elder Rick Weitz will be teaching us about how we can glorify God in living holy sexual lives in a world/culture of sexual immorality.

Thanksgiving Fellowship: Our congregational fellowship will be **this Sunday, November 16th** after worship. Please use the link to the sign up sheet below to indicate what you will be bringing. Please make every effort to attend and come ready not only to share food, but also to share a word of thanksgiving. We challenge you to take the time to talk to three people and share what God has done for you.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48ae2fa02-november2>

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Stacy Halley for more information.

Congregational Family Meeting this Sunday: We will meet for about 15 minutes for a brief meeting after worship while tables are being set up for our Thanksgiving feast and fellowship.

Locust Street Film Night this Friday!: Come view and discuss one of the finest mystery-thriller films of all time: Sir Carol Reed's *'The Third Man'* with Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton on Friday, November 14th at 7 pm. Invite your friends:
<http://www.ketocin.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Locust-Street-Film-Night-Nov-14-14.pdf>

Thom Kinnaman Memorial Service: This Saturday, Nov. 15th at 11 am at Winger House in Ashburn.

KCPC Booktable Sale! Take advantage of the wonderful books on the KCPC Booktable and reduce the price of the books you would like to purchase by 20% for a limited time.

No Men and Boy's Breakfast in November: We will not have our regularly scheduled breakfast this month. Place **Saturday, Dec. 13th** on your calendars!

Shepherd's Voice Newsletter: Our congregational newsletter will be focusing on the ministry of the **Holy Spirit** in the next couple of issues in the 'From Your Pastor's' section. Look for the study from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* that will begin in the new year. This section will be designed for particularly for devotions, memorizing catechism, and family worship.

"The Awe and Joy of Christmas": Our sermon series for Advent and Christmas will be from Matthew's Gospel. This mini-series will begin on Dec. 7th in morning worship. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in the preaching! Invite your friends to experience this special series. Minor Prophets coming in 2015, Lord willing.

Coming Soon for Christmas! Caroling in our neighborhood on Sunday evening, Dec. 14th and our Christmas Eve worship with Potomac Hills PCA in Leesburg.

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..."

From Your Pastors

The Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of Jesus”

“Christians have daily communion with and meditation of the Father and the love of Christ. There is a fellowship of the Father and a fellowship of the Son in the souls of every believer. But the Holy Spirit, though He is acknowledged as a person equal to either, yet we do not hold and pursue after fellowship with Him as a distinct person as we should; nor is His love in what He has done for us focused on in our hearts as it should be. If we believe He is a person of the Trinity, let us treat Him as a special person, and glorify Him in our hearts as a person. Let us fear to grieve Him, and also believe on Him, as a person; let us have communion with the Spirit as well as the Father and the Son. The Spirit applies the work of salvation to us, let us praise and thank Him.” (Thomas Goodwin, *Works*, Vol. VI, Book 1, chap. 6, paraphrased summary).

The Holy Spirit is called particularly the “Spirit of Jesus” or the “Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9-11; Phil. 1:19). Why is this? The Spirit is He whom the Father promised to Jesus Christ in the everlasting covenant between the Father and the Son (Acts 2:33; Heb. 13:20-21). The Father gave the Spirit to serve our Lord and equip Him to fulfill His work of redeeming us. The Third Person of the Godhead ministered to the Second Person of the Godhead in the days of His flesh! Isaiah 42:1: “Behold my servant, whom I uphold...I have put my Spirit upon Him...”

The Spirit was the Blessed One who formed the body for God’s Son: “Wherefore, when He comes into the world...a body you have prepared for me” (Heb. 10:5). The angel told Joseph “that which is conceived in [Mary] is of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 1:20). Mary was told that the Holy Spirit shall come upon her and the power of the Most High shall overshadow her... (Luke 1:35). As the Spirit of God had “brooded” or “hovered” over the creation of all things, so in the womb of Mary, the Spirit formed our Lord’s manhood, and the Son permanently united Himself to it.

George Smeaton wrote: ‘The task assigned to the Spirit of God, and carried out by Him, was to anoint and equip the Mediator for all the duties of that servant’s place He was humbled to fulfill.’ The Father sent the Holy Spirit on His Son to equip Him on His mission to save us. He was the supply of heaven for heaven’s Beloved One. “Jesus being full of the Spirit, returned...was led...returned...” (Luke 4:1, 14); “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Spirit and with power...for God was with Him” (Acts 10:38). The Spirit gave the power needed by Jesus to endure joyfully to the end, and complete His mission of laying down His life on the cross (Heb. 9:14: “...How much more will the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God**”).

Robert Murray M’Cheyne wrote (on Heb. 9:14) “Never did the Holy Spirit find such a rest as in the bosom of Immanuel—never did He find such a home as *that*... And when He hung on the Cross, the Holy Spirit seemed *still* to be within Him. God the Father hid His face from Him; for He cried out, *My God, My God, etc.* As if He had said: ‘I thought that thou wouldst have been the last in the world to have forsaken me.’ *Even then* the Spirit was dwelling within Him; for it is written, “He, through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God” (Heb. 9:14). The Spirit’s might was also present at Jesus’ resurrection, “He was declared to be the Son of God with power...according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom. 1:4). – Adapted and edited from a lecture by Prof. John P. Thackway.

What are the implications and applications of this for us? We will consider further next week, but very briefly, the Spirit of God that Jesus received from the Father is the same Spirit that the Father and the Son have sent to be within His people.

What the Holy Spirit helped Jesus to do: resist temptation, endure by grace, to be a faithful servant, to be comforted in affliction, etc. is what the Spirit still does for God’s people united to Jesus. The ministry of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus Christ has tremendous implications for believers’ sanctification in Christ (Psa. 133; Isa. 61:1ff). **To be continued...**

In Christ’s Love,

Pastors Biggs and Halley

“...To proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...”

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *“The Son Who Became Slave”*

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

Scripture Text: Mark 10:32-45

Theme of Worship Service: A disciple's aspiration is to be the greatest slave of all!

Questions to Discuss with Family and in Fellowship:

* **Children: Read Mark 10:32-45.** This is the third time that Jesus tells His disciples clearly of His death and resurrection. Where is Jesus' focus? Where are the disciples' focus? What is their state of mind? Search the text for answers and think about this.

* What are your aspirations as a follower-disciple of Jesus? What is most important to you?

* What are the cup and the baptism that Jesus refers to in this passage? How are all of Jesus' disciples to drink the cup and partake in the baptism to a certain degree in Jesus?

* How is James 4:3 pictured in this passage?

* What is Jesus' "secret" to being great in the Kingdom? How do we get the power we need to do this as weak and selfish sinners? How is Jesus' teaching here contrary to the world and culture in which we live? How can seeking to be great in this way make us "counter-cultural" in a way that may profit our culture?

William Perkins (1558-1602) said that a believer should esteem his adoption as God's child to be greater than being the child or heir of any earthly king, since the son of the greatest emperor may be under God's wrath, but the child of God has Christ as his older brother, the Holy Spirit as His comforter, and the Kingdom of Heaven as his inheritance. *Yet few Christians realize this experientially.* He wrote: At earthly preferments men will stand amazed; but seldom shall you find a man that is ravished with joy in this: that he is the child of God. But...we must learn to have more joy in being the sons of God, than to be heirs of any worldly kingdom" (*A Cloud of Faithful Witnesses, Leading to Heavenly Canaan*, Works, 3:138).

“...To grant to those who mourn in Zion- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD.” – Isaiah 61:1-3