



The Holy Spirit Field III

By now, you might be asking yourself, 'why are we spending so much time on this subject?' If your answer is, 'no one else does.' I'd have to accept that response as substantial, but be careful. Sadly, if mankind shuns God in this manner, they'll miss out on the most powerful subject in the Bible. Where else will you uncover truth about incorruptible seed, nine manifestations, and the difference between the Giver and the gift? Let's toughen up and take this message to the masses, and not be talked out of one of the greatest learning experiences of all time.

The 12 Apostles

Take your Bible and turn to the book of Acts. I want this field to become so plain, so simple, that you will walk into the greatness of God's power. He's called you to be His son or daughter. Even a child



need not err.

(Acts 1:1-2 KJV) The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, {2} Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

"The former treaties" are contained in the book of Luke. "Theophilus" means, "beloved of God." Luke is also addressed to the "Beloved of God."

(Luke 1:3 KJV) It seemed good to me

also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

In Acts 1:2:

"Taken up" refers to the ascension. The book of Luke takes the Bible student no further than the ascension which took place 40 days after the resurrection.

The article 'the' in the phrase, the Holy Ghost, does not exist in the text. It was added. Article usage is best understood by the context. On the next page, I've provided a screen print of the Greek Text. Notice that there isn't a Greek word above the bracketed [the]. The translators improperly supplied this one little word, introducing confusion into the holy spirit field of study. Bible teachers do much the same today. I hear it all the time.

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They'll be teaching an unrelated subject, and, out of the blue as if possessed, will blurt out that Jesus is God. Be careful with their agendas. The Bible teaches that evil work and confusion go hand in hand.

(James 3:16 KJV) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Judas Iscariot in Attendance

Hidden in verse two is the answer to whether or not Judas Iscariot was present with the Apostles when Jesus ascended into heaven. Take a moment and give this some thought. How many apos-

ties did Jesus choose? He chose 12. By simple deduction, all 12 were present, including Judas. In just a minute, I'll show you the record of when he chose them.

The Greek words, pneuma hagion are translated "holy spirit," and must always be interpreted according to biblical usage in the verse and in the context.

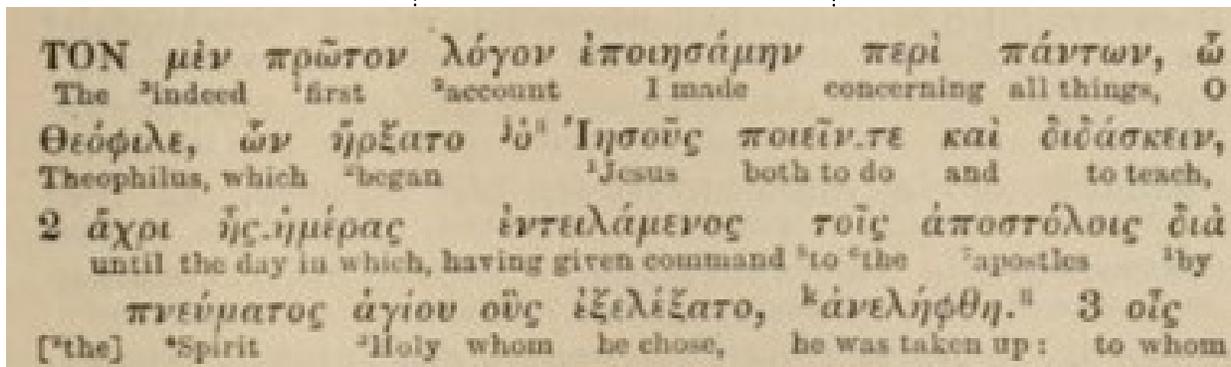
(Acts 1:2 KJV) Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he [Jesus Christ] through the Holy Ghost [Spirit] had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

"Through" comes from dia meaning, "through, by or proceeding from. In this

case, dia must be translated "proceeding from" the Giver. He was giving commandments to the Apostles whom he had chosen. You could properly supply the article for both words: the Holy, the Spirit. Even though we don't usually talk this way, it would be accurate. The Holy The Spirit is God.

(Luke 6:13 KJV) And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

He called his disciples; out of them he chose 12 apostles. Judas was present at this time for he was in Acts 1:1 and 2. What significance does this hold? Quite frankly, it



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settles an unfounded claim that Judas hung himself immediately after Jesus died. Settlement is also found in the following verse.

(Acts 1:3 KJV) To whom [all 12 Apostles] also he showed himself alive after his passion [death] by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Who were these Apostles that Jesus showed himself, and why didn't Jesus talk about the Church? Jesus taught the kingdom of God; the mystery of the Christian Church hadn't been revealed to him. The mystery was later made known to Paul.

(Rom 16:25-26 KJV) Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, {26} But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according

to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

If Jesus is God, this scripture could be denied. Jesus is the Son of God, and he had to wait for the Church to be revealed just like the rest of Christendom.

Kingdom of God

I'm sure you've got questions about the kingdom of God. John the Baptist introduced the kingdom of God in the Gospels. [The Parable of the Sower and the Seed.] Jesus continued teaching the kingdom of God during his tenure on earth.

(Mark 1:14 KJV) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

The Apostles taught the kingdom of God ...

(Acts 20:25 KJV) And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone

preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

... until the Jews refused it.

(Acts 28:28 KJV) Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

We proselytize Christianity, the Church, and the building of God's family through that means.

(1 Cor 2:7-8 KJV) But we speak the wisdom of God in [regarding] a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: {8} Which none of the princes of this world [devils] knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

I'm getting ahead of myself, but I wanted to share this soul-stirring truth.

Wait Until

Back on topic, Jesus told the 12 Apostles to wait

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“for,” or is ‘for’ a mistranslation as well?

(Acts 1:4 KJV) *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

These were his instructions. The 12 Apostles were to go back to Jerusalem and wait. “For” is “until.” They were not told to ‘wait for.’ They were told to “wait until.” Because of this translation oversight, well-meaning people wait a lifetime and don’t manifest holy spirit. We don’t wait “for.” You’re probably developing the perception that someone or something doesn’t want you to know these great truths.

These men absolutely didn’t know how long they were going to have to wait. “Wait” means, “tarry.” Why tarry? Because Pentecost had not yet come. If your birthday hasn’t arrived, I would say, “Wait until.” After Pentecost, no one was ever told to “wait” or

“tarry.” Why? Because the gift had already been given. It’s available now! We know, in retrospect, that they waited 10 days for the gift to arrive. They had to wait until the promise of the Father had been given.

Baptized in holy spirit

(Acts 1:5 KJV) *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

“Shall” puts the subject of holy spirit baptism in the absolute. There’s no article “the” in the text. An article “the” would force us to render this as The Giver, not the gift. Ye shall be baptized with or in holy spirit. They tarried 10 days until Pentecost when the promise was fulfilled. The promise of the Father was to be baptized in holy spirit.

Are we to be baptized with both; water and holy spirit?

The text doesn’t read “baptized with water; God didn’t use it. He didn’t want to use it. If you add

water, then you’re changing God’s Word. Yikes!

Water baptism ended with the outpouring of the gift of holy spirit. With the coming of the greater, the lesser is over.” Churches still water crazy today because they are zealous for the Law. You can argue with me all you want, but don’t argue with God. The problem is that we have so many doctrines to maintain. Take time to ask, “What does the Word say?” The promise was to be baptized with the gift of holy spirit.

Much Love in Christ.

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