

Produce: Part 7

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DISCUSSION QUESTION: Do you want the fire that comes with the Holy Spirit? What do you expect that fire do in your daily life?

REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea... John 15:8 *"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."*

The Spirit Produces: **Force; Freedom; Fruit; Faith; Family; Fullness**

TODAY: The Spirit Produces:

7. Fire

Matthew 3:11 *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:"* [KJV]

The Scriptures give us many depictions of the Holy Spirit. (Dove, Rain, River, Wine, Water, Wind, Oil & Fire) The symbols are there for us to better understand the nature and characteristics of the Holy Spirit. They are not the Holy Spirit...

Fire has many purposes and is viewed in many ways.

Different responses to Fire:

- Soothing. (firepit)
- Supportive. (cooking, combustion, destroying waste)
- Scary. (forest fire, house fire)

In the Old Testament God appears in fire and in the NT HE is described in terms of fire

Responses:

- People were afraid, yet others drew close.
- It led people through the most difficult of journeys.
- It confirmed the word of the Lord

John the Baptist: We would be baptized with the Holy Spirit & Fire. Sadly, we still see people afraid of the fire. They are willing to be baptized in water, but they don't want anything to do with this baptism of fire. Yet, fire is one of the attributes of God. If you want a relationship, then you will encounter fire!

The fire represents the work of the Holy Spirit to:

a. Incinerate

Matt 3:12 *"Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."* [KJV]

HE will burn out everything in our life that does not need to be there. (anger, strife, shame...sin). But it does more than that. Burns out the enemy!

b. Investigates

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 *"But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God." [ESV]*

Searches means to seek; examine; to investigate

1 Peter 1:5 & 7 *"Who are kept by the power of God through faith:... 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"*

Found implies to find by inquiry, thought, examination, scrutiny, observation, hearing; to find out by practice and experience, i. e. to see, learn, discover, understand

c. Invigorate

Colossians 1:11 *"[we pray that you may be] strengthened and invigorated with all power, according to His glorious might, to attain every kind of endurance and patience with joy;" [AMP]*

d. Illuminate

John 16:13 *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." [ESV]*

Illuminate is to help to clarify or explain something. Light up an area and decorate it

e. Infiltrate

Acts 2:1-4 *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." [KJV]*

It penetrated, permeated and pervaded (spread throughout all parts) the place where they were sitting and then sat on them. It infiltrated them to the point that it changed the most uncontrolled thing on the planet!

James 3:6-8 *"And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." [ESV]*