

Overview of the Bible (Lesson #11)

Today's topic: The Holy Spirit
Recommended Reading: Chapters 59 - 68 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

1. In today's study of our *Overview of the Bible* series we'll be in Lesson #8:

- Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible
- Lesson #2: A study of God and His Defining Attributes
- Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
- Lesson #4: Angels
- Lesson #5: The Devil
- Lesson #6: Demons
- Lesson #7: Mankind
- Lesson #8: Sin
- Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
- Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)
- **Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit**
- Lesson #12: The Church
- Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
- Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...

2. How does the "world" view the Holy Spirit? Consider the typical American in developing your answer.

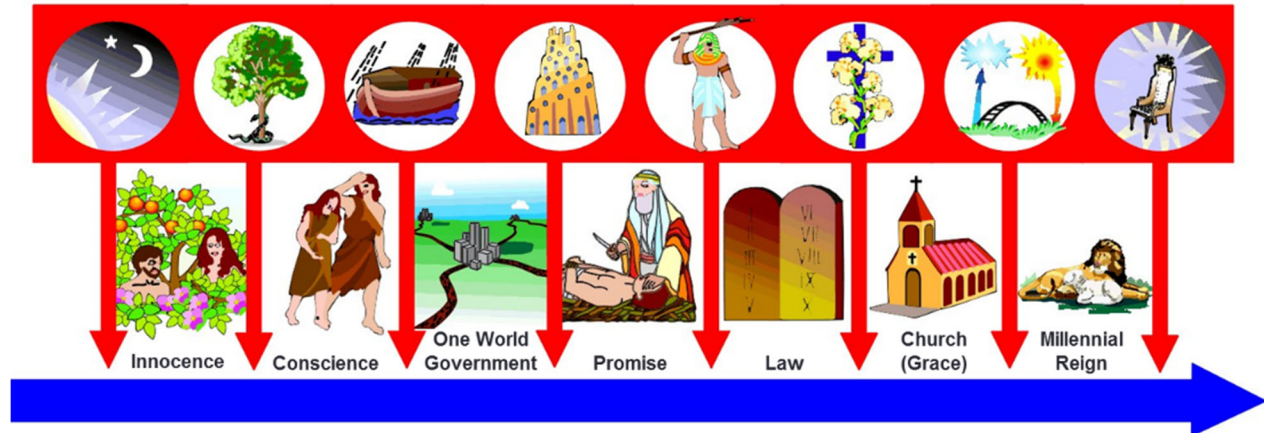
3. For review purposes, let's look at the three (3) "facets" (or phases) of salvation. Failing to make a distinction between these phases at best results in confusion when discussing salvation, while at worst creates a works-based salvation found among the cults.

- Observe the graphic provided below and discuss what is presented.
- Read the verses below and discuss how the three facets of salvation are presented.
 - Justification (Romans 5:1 and 8:33)
 - Sanctification (2 Timothy 2:15-26)
 - Glorification (John 12:12-16, Romans 8:30, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12)
- Where does the Holy Spirit enter the picture and what does He do at each stage?



Figure 1: Understanding the three "facets" of Salvation

4. One of the concepts Dr. Ryrie discusses in his book is the concept of Dispensations (we actually discussed this in Lesson #1). Provided below is an image showing the seven (7) dispensations commonly referenced in Dispensational Theology. **In what dispensation has the Holy Spirit given been given as a gift to Believers?**



5. Let's look at the Holy Spirit's attributes listed below:
- He has intelligence (1 Corinthians 2:13)
 - He shows feeling and can grieve (Ephesians 4:30)
 - He has a will and directs the activities of Believers (1 Corinthians 12:11 and Acts 16:6-11)
6. Copied below is 1 Corinthians 12:13. What does this verse tell us about the Holy Spirit in relation to Believers (or the Church)?
- For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*
7. Chapter 64 (p. 417-422), *The Spirit Baptizing*, discusses some important concepts in relation to spiritual baptism and water baptism. What are some important points Dr. Ryrie makes in this chapter between each?
8. The Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer is what gives us **power** to do the work of God and resist temptation. Read Jesus' words in John 16:1-11 and His message for us.
9. Listed below are some of the Spiritual Gifts listed in Chapter 65 that are bestowed on Believers. Read the passages provided alongside each and be prepared to discuss.
- Miracles (1 Corinthians 12:28)
 - Evangelism (Ephesians 4:11)
 - Pastor (Ephesians 4:11)
 - Serving (Romans 12:7)
 - Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9)
 - Exhortation (Romans 12:8)
10. NEXT BIBLE STUDY: **Sunday, November 24** we'll study Section XII – *I Will Build my Church* (Chapters 69-76). Let's discuss our holiday schedule (I propose we take off December 1st and December 29th).