

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Conf Art 11

Singing: 227:1-3 – 120:1-4 – 321:1-4 – 278:1-5

Intro: What would life on earth be like without the Holy Spirit?

A. The Bible opens with a reference to the Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13)

B. The Bible references Holy Spirit to each part of the Person and life of Jesus

1. Compare Ex. 31:3-5 – Luke 1:35 – Heb 9:14 – 1 Tim. 3:16

2. Jesus' glory and beauty is the beauty of the Holy Spirit: Is. 11:1-7; John 3:34

C. The Bible gives tribute to the Holy Spirit in lives of all God's saints: 1 Cor. 12:3

The Glory of the Holy Spirit (2)

I. In His Personhood II. In His love III. In His works

II. The glory of the Holy Ghost's love

A. Scripture celebrates the *love of Father and the Son*

1. The love of God is *glorious Gospel of the blessed God* (1 Tim. 1:11)

a. celebrate the love of the Father: John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-11; Rom. 5:7-8

b. celebrate the love of the Son: Rev. 1:5; 5:9; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:1-2

B. But what about the love of the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit's part in the *Covenant of Redemption (of Grace)*

a. consider what the Son agreed to do: John 1:14; Phil. 2:5-8

b. consider what the Spirit agreed to do: John 14:17; Rom. 5:5

2. The Biblical tribute to the love of the Holy Spirit: Romans 15:30

a. Is His love less than the Father's and the Son's? (Acts 2:17; John 14:26)

b. Never think His heart is less loving than the Father's or Son's!

The fountain of all His actions for our comfort, is His own great love and infinite condescension. He willingly proceeded, or comes forth from the Father, to be our comforter. He knew what

*we were, and what we could do, and what would be our dealings with Him. He knew we would grieve Him, provoke Him, quench His motions, defile His dwelling-place; and yet He would come to be our Comforter! The lack of fitting consideration of this great love of the Holy Ghost **weakens** all the principles of our obedience. Let us weigh this: The Holy Ghost, in His infinite love and kindness towards me, has condescended to be my Comforter! He does it willingly, freely, powerfully! What have I received from Him? In the multitude of my perplexities, how has He refreshed my soul! Can I love one day without His consolations? And shall I grieve Him by neglect, sin or folly? Shall not His love constrain me to walk before him in all well pleasing? (John Owen)*

For further meditation: Ezekiel 36:16-37:14

A. These chapters are ‘pregnant’ with God’s promises

B. Yet notice one key direction: Ezek. 36:37

Thus saith the LORD God:

I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel,
To do it for them. (Ezek. 36:37)

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD:
My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth,
shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed,
nor out of the mouth of they seed’s seed, saith the LORD,
from henceforth and forever. (Is. 59:21)