



Who is the Holy Spirit?
Study series Part 2
Going and Growing in the Spirit

Session 4
The Spirit and the Healing of Community

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Recap of Session 3 (Steen)

Last week: What's in a word?

sōzō =
heal, preserve, keep from harm, rescue

All aspects of being **adopted** as a member of God's family.

Justification and adoption are two sides of one reality

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Last week
This world is not yet heaven...

Living by faith instead of fear

finding the secret formula
vs
trusting the revealed Saviour

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Last week ... the Holy Spirit produces faith, where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel. [Article 5 of the Augsburg Confession]

- The story of the good news about Jesus is told
- The faith question: *What do you believe?*
- Faith is affirmed and we pray to give thanks
- Further exploration of the Word of God
- Baptism or public affirmation of faith

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Last week: Baptised unbelievers?

through deliberate rejection or by neglect

However, if the baptised act against their conscience, permit sin to reign in them, and thus grieve the Holy Spirit in themselves and lose him, then, although they may not be rebaptised, they must be converted again.

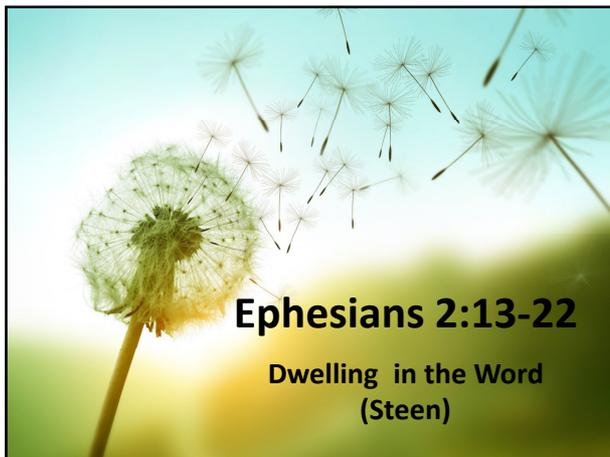
(Formula of Concord, Article II, 69)

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Ephesians 2:13-22

Dwelling in the Word
(Steen)



Range finding exercise

Many questions and issues were listed – examples:

- Teach people how to work with the Spirit and to be filled again and again. *Why do we need to be?*
- The power of the Spirit in the church today.
- Gifts of the Spirit including miracles, healings, prophecy, speaking in tongues, intercession
- How to tell the difference between Spirit's guidance and my own thoughts and feelings?
- Does the Spirit have an odour or specific feeling?

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The Spirit produces fruit and gives gifts

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. [Gal 5:22-23]

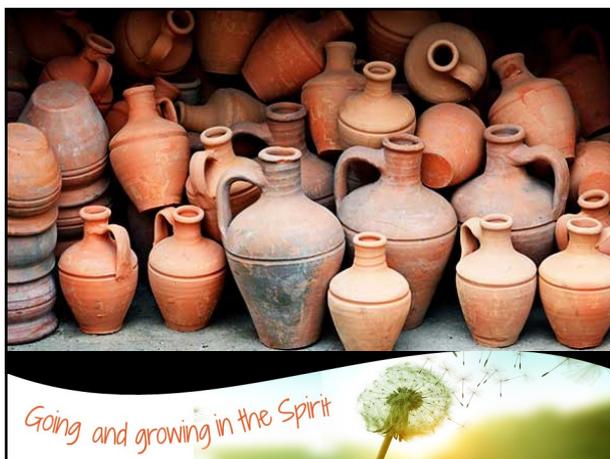
There are various lists of gifts which are not intended to be exhaustive. Such gifts as wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues and interpretation, assistance, leadership, teaching, pastoral care, intercession, oversight and much more. [1 Cor 12 etc]

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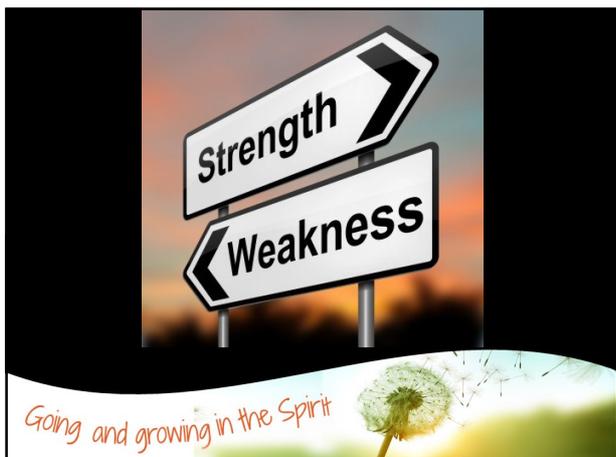


No Dualism or Deism here either!

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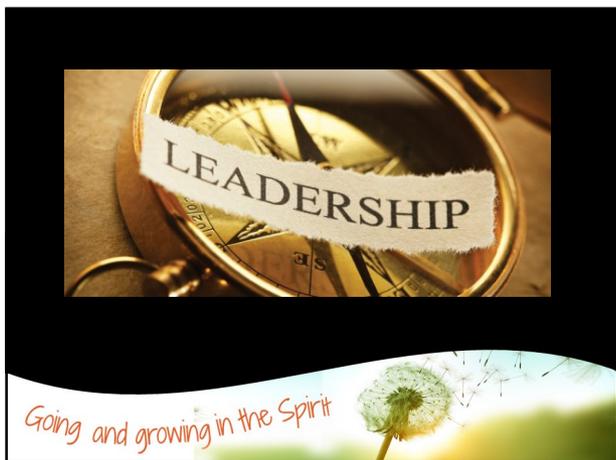


It must be firmly maintained that God gives no-one his Spirit or grace apart from the external Word **which goes before**. We say this to protect ourselves from ... those who boast that they have the Spirit **apart from and before** contact with the Word. ... Everything that boasts of being from the Spirit **apart from** such a Word and sacrament is of the devil. [Smalcald Articles III 8:3,10]

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- We let the Word of God permeate our lives**
- Dwell in the Word / Study the Word / Discuss...
 - The Word of God is our authority and power
 - The more the Word of God is alive in us, the easier it is to recognise the Spirit's voice
 - Discernment is not perfect in this world
 - Therefore a little humility goes a long way
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Discussion Questions 

What, if anything, puzzles you about the work of the Spirit today?

What other issues do you want to raise?

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Time for a short break...



BY JIM DAVIS

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Discussion Time 

Plenary Session

Any issues or questions that anyone wants to raise?

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Next Week

The Spirit and the Healing of the World



A testimony to the Triune life!

The church on earth is a foretaste of
things to come!

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