THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit & Salvation:
The New Birth / Regeneration



"Born again"

John 3:1-8

"Born of water and the Spirit"

John 3:1-8

Two Essential Actions in a Birth*:

I. Begetting

- Luke 8:11
- 1 Corinthians 4:15 + Acts 18:8
- James 1:18
- 1 Peter 1:23-25
- John 1:12-13 + 1 John 5:1
- John 6:63
- 2 Corinthians 3:6

The Holy Spirit, through the Word

Hebrews 4:12

John 16:8-11

Ephesians 6:17

Two Essential Actions in a Birth*:

II. Delivery

- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Romans 6:3-4
- Galatians 3:26-27
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Titus 3:5 + Ephesians 5:26

John 3:5	1 Cor. 12:13	Eph. 5:26	Titus 3:5
born of water	baptized	washing of	washing of
		water	regeneration
born of Spirit	in (or by)	with the word	renewing of the Holy Spirit
	one Spirit	WILLI LITE WOOLG	the Holy Spirit
enter into kingdom	into one body	sanctify and cleanse	saved

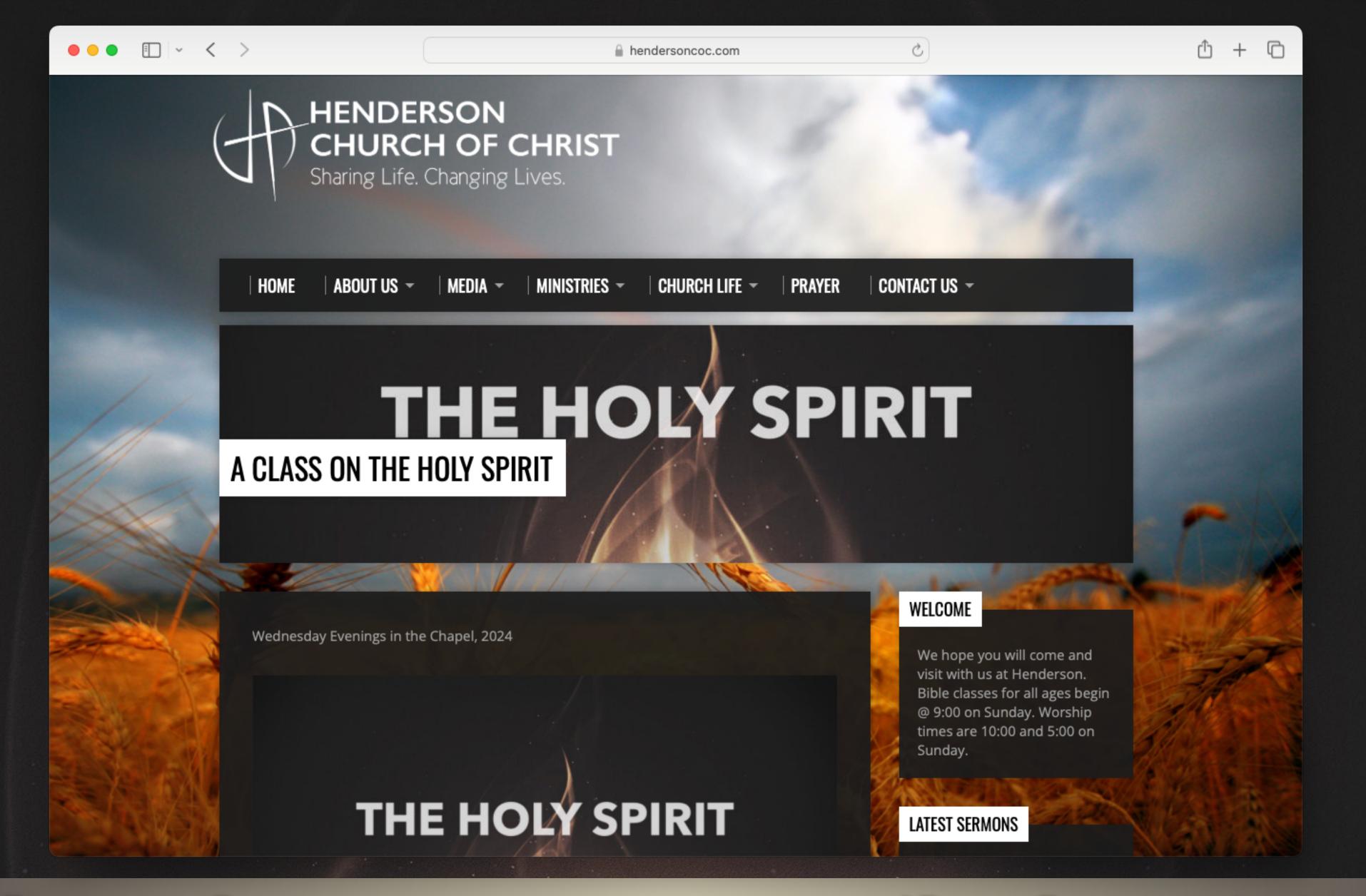
The Teaching of the Word

Why do you think it is God's plan for the Holy Spirit to bring people to salvation through the teaching of the word?

To preserve free moral agency (cf. Acts 10:35).

To emphasize equality (cf. Rom. 1:16).

To display his power (cf. 2 Cor. 4:7; 1 Cor. 1:26-2:5).



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What is a miracle?

A miracle is an event which the forces of nature—including the natural powers of man—cannot of themselves produce, and which must, therefore, be referred to a supernatural agency (George P. Fisher, Manual of Christian Evidences, 9).

They were public (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22; 3:16).

They were instant (Acts 3:6-8; Mark 2:12).

They were thorough (Acts 3:16; John 7:23).

They were validating (Heb. 2:1-4).

Two Examples:

The Samaritans – Acts 8:1-19
The Twelve in Ephesus – Acts 19:1-7

1 Corinthians 12

1 Corinthians 12:9-11:

Word of wisdom

Word of knowledge

Faith

Gifts of healings

Working of miracles

Prophecy

Discerning of spirits

Different kinds of tongues

The interpretation of tongues

Conferred by the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of the apostles' hands

(Acts 8:12-22; Romans. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:6)

Temporary by design

(cf. 1 Cor. 13:8-12)

Therefore, miraculous spiritual gifts do not exist today.

"The Spirit of truth"

John 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13; 1 John 4:6; 5:7

Mat. 22:43; Mark 12:36, citing Psa. 110:1

Acts 1:16, 20, citing Psa. 41:9; 69:25; 109:8

Acts 4:25-26, citing Psa. 2:1-2

Acts 28:25-27, citing Isa. 6:9-10

1 Tim. 4:1, possibly citing Mat. 7:15; 24:24

Heb. 3:7-11, citing Psa. 95:7-11

Heb. 9:1-8, citing Exo. 25-26

Heb. 10:15-17, citing Jer. 31:33-34

Many passages in Revelation allude to other biblical texts (e.g., Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 14:13)

Instruction

Nehemiah 9:20

1 John 2:20, 27

Ephesians 1:17-18

Psalm 119:12, 26, 33, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135

Illumination

- Psalm 119:18, 27, 34, 73, 125, 144, 169
- He illuminates through the word he has revealed / inspired.
- His illumination through his word doesn't guarantee that all will agree on it because not all will approach it honestly.
- His illumination does not mean everything about God is knowable.
- His illumination does not mean human teachers are unnecessary.
- His illumination is not a substitute for personal Bible study.
- His illumination is not unique to you.

Affirmation

Acts 5:32

Hebrews 10:15

1 John 5:6

Utilization

Ephesians 5:18-20 + Hebrews 4:12

Ephesians 6:17