

Works of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost lesson III

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Objectives

The student should know the following key points at the end of this lesson

3. Who is the Holy Spirit
4. What he did for us in the garden of Eden
5. Name 4 symbols of the Holy Spirit
6. How the Holy Ghost acts as rain upon us
7. How his fire will change us and use Peter as an example
8. Explain how the Holy Spirit is like water
9. Name 2 names of the Holy Spirit

This lesson will be worth 70 points with 10 points extra credit available

Who is the Holy Spirit

- He is God
- He was there during creation
 - Genesis 2: 7
 - And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul
 - Christ created man's body, but it was the Holy Spirit who breathed life into him.
- Thus one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit is wind 

Works of the Spirit

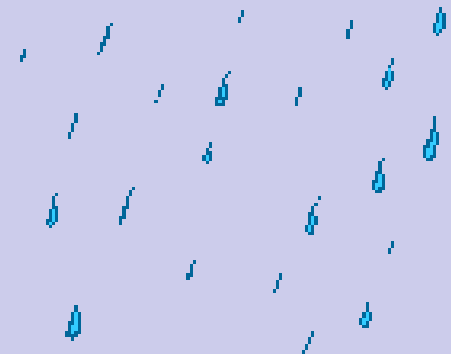
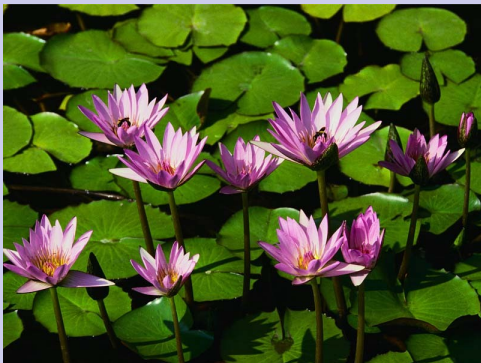
- His works did not end with giving all things the breath of life
- To have greater understanding let us look at a few of his symbols and names

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Rain

- It is a form of water
- It helps keep bodies of water: lakes and rivers filled
- It is essential for all crops



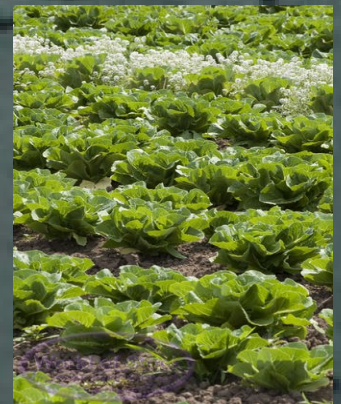
Rain

- Does many things
 - First it will establish a crop (Look up the word establish and write the answer by number 1)
 - The seed in us is the Word of God and it takes the Holy Spirit to make it grow
 - He will give us understanding of God's word and ability to keep God's word



Rain moderately

- After a crop has been established you must continue to water it or it has to be rained on so that it does not wither and die
- This is like the Holy Spirit teaching us everyday about Christ's word.
- Remember he is called Teacher of Righteousness



Harvest Time

- In order for a crop to be ready for reaping a heavy rain near the end of the growing season is necessary
- The Holy Spirit makes sure we have the growth spurt necessary so that we can be harvested and found acceptable by God the Father



Pentecost with the Apostles

- Let us review the events that occurred with the apostles
 - 1st he rained holy fire upon them (yes He can do that)
 - This fire gave them strength, understanding, and many talents
 - Now name two things the Apostles could do after the Pentecost

Pentecost with the Apostles

- In addition the fire that they received changed them and they were never the same again.
- Now we know another symbol of the Holy Spirit is fire!
- Do you know why?

Fire

- It can be dangerous, it can heal, it is used to purify, and it is necessary for life as well
- Define the word purge and write the answer on number ____ (worth 5 pts)
- How do we purify with fire?



Common ways fire is used to purify

- In medicine heat (a product of fire) is used to sterilize medical instruments. To make them free from germs and safe for patients
- It is used to purify steel and g



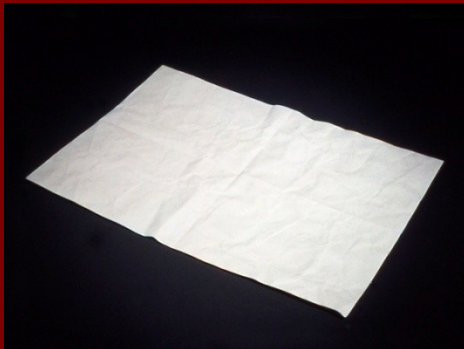
Think about the words of the song Rain, Rain

Rain, Rain cleansing rain, wash me till I'm clean all

Flame, flame holy flame, purge me till I'm pure all over

Works of the Holy Ghost

- It can be said that the Holy Spirit will make us pure like gold
- Once you set fire to something and it burns is it ever the same?
- NO!



Fire changes you permanently

If you burn a piece of wood it will never be same

If you cook a piece of dough it can not return to being dough again once it becomes bread

Now let us look at an example

Peter

- He changed once he was baptized by the Holy Spirit's fire
- Read Luke 22: 54-62 and summarize what you read
- Then read Acts 2: 1-4, 14-15, 22-24, 32-36
- Summarize what you read
- Was Peter the same? Compare and contrast (this is worth 50 pts!)

Recap

- The Holy Spirit has several symbols
- Wind, Fire, Rain, Water, and the Dove
- Each symbol is an example of a work the Holy Spirit Does for us
- So far we have discussed the Holy Spirit as Rain and Fire

Review

- As rain the Holy Spirit teaches us _____ (hint it is one of his names)
- The seed is the _____ of _____ and it takes the Holy Spirit to make it _____
- The Holy Ghost gives us _____

Review

- I am shiny and pretty, everyone wants to wear me but you need fire to make me pure, who am I?
- I am strong, I make the buildings, you eat with me, I am from the earth but to use me you must heat me, who am I?

Snack break

Did you know?

- Fire is not the only thing that can change something permanently
- Leaven is able to change dough so that it cannot revert back to its previous state
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Water

- If you think about it is everywhere and we need it to survive
- Because the Holy Spirit is God he is everywhere and we have to have him to survive
- Water is used to keep things clean



Holy Spirit as Water

- Water is a purifier
- Before you can purify metals and equipment
- It is first washed with water before it can be purified with fire
- An example is rinsing dishes before you place it in the dishwasher
 - The dishwasher will then use water and *heat* to make the dishes completely clean



Water and Fire

- Spiritually we are first washed with water
 - Example baptism
- Sin is like dirt
- When the Holy Spirit teaches us the Word of God and we obey Him it removes sin from us
- We become clean and our dirt is removed



Washing

- You can get dirty after you have been washed with water
- It will take fire to make you change forever
- That is why we need the fire of the Holy Spirit as well



Review

- The Holy Spirit is like water because he is _____ and we need him to survive
- Sin is like _____
- When the Holy Spirit _____ us the _____ of _____ and we _____ Him , then _____ is removed from _____

The next lesson will begin our
Summer Art workshop on the works
of Christ

