

- Introduction- THERE ARE MANY GREAT AND PRESCIOUS PROMISES GIVEN TO US FROM GOD* & FAESE PROMISE**
1. The promise, ministry, and personality of the Holy Spirit is great mystery **CLAIMERS**
 2. Many people read God's word, and expect the wrong things from the Holy Spirit
 3. We need to carefully compare Scripture with Scripture to make sure that we are not among those who falsely claim certain promises

I.- THE SPIRIT PROMISED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES WERE INVOLVED WITH THE GLORY OF THE KINGDOM

1. **Joel 2:28** -The promise of the Holy spirit on all flesh is Israelite, and Kinddom
2. **Isa. 59:21**- The promise of the Spirit-& all nations coming to Israel for light-
3. **Ezek 39:26, 7, 99**- The return of the captivity of Israel- the spirit on Israel

B. ACTS INTERPRETED THIS AS BEING FULFILLED BEFORE THIER EYES- Acts 2:33

1. They had been given the spirit in John 20:22-
2. They had been empowered by the spirit with tongues of flame- Acts 2:1-4
3. They were all Israelites- so they felt that this was it!

C. THE SPIRIT DID WORK IN MEN'S HEARTS* BUT THE WORK FELL SHORT OF THE PROMISES

1. Many were saved- but the entire nation did not recieve the salvation or the Holy Spirit
 2. These saved were changed- but later some of them learned how to lie again- & died
 3. The new church was great- but it never even looked like the Davidic Kingdom-
- The men were not perfect- human failures crept in- and they were sorely persecuted.

II.- THE SPIRIT PROMISED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. JESUS PROMISED A COMFORTER* John 14:16-18

1. He was to be a Comforter, to abide with them forever, and to guide them to truth-
2. In John 14:26 the promise was that he would bring all things to your remembrance
3. But the spirit did not fall on all men, and thier remembrances were not as super powered-

B. JESUS PROMISED A REPROVER- John 16:8-11

1. This ministry of the Holy Spirit was to work in the hearts of the men of the world
2. They were to have thier consciences specially pricked regarding sin, righteousness, judgment
3. This works in many men of the world- but I have met some that seemed immune- some claimed to be Saved

B. JESUS PROMISED A GUIDE TO ALL TRUTH* John 16:13

1. He is called the Spirit of Truth, and it is promised that he would guide to all truth
 2. Many great Christian men have led the pursuit of truth- inventions, education, etc-
 3. But I have met some who would not admitt truth even when flowered with it!
- The division of hair-splitting doctrine withing Christianity is proof of it.

III.- THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER IS WRAPPED UP IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD* LETS STUDY IT CAREFULLY

A. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS SPIRITUAL, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST * Romans 14:17

1. The promises of the Old Testament involve a physical kindgom- promised to David
2. But the fulfilment in Acts, and described in Romans was a Spiritual one -Righteousness, Peace, Joy- in HG
3. These are token fulfillments- dependant upon our willingness-

B. THIS IS THE AGE OF MYSTERY * HIDDEN PREVIOUSLY* Eph 3:5 - BUT NOW REVEALED

1. The Spirit born of all nations are made a part of one mysterious body- the Church-not a kingdom!
2. We have recieved the seal and the gifts of the Spirit- Tokens of Eternity
3. And true to His promise- the Spirit will not leave us, we will not be comfortless

C. WHO SETTS THE LIMIT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY* THE VARIABLE IS OURSELVES

1. The OT work of the spirit was to come upon a person for a job- few permanently
2. Today is is permanent in every Believers heart- guiding and leading, and empowering
3. But our weak condition of sin and temptation we do not always avail ourselves of His services- We are the ones that are imperfect- not God's promises. **Eph. 4:3-0 Grieve not!**

Concl.. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PROMISED IN THIS AGE* BUT ARE WE WILLING TO BE LED.

1. The spirit leads us to Jesus Christ, have you confessed him
2. The Spirit leads us to consecration and the perfect Christian walk-do you follow him?
3. The absolute fulfillment of the promises of the spirit comes with the rapture and glorification of the Christian- are you ready?