

Sermon Series – “Our Greatest Need” - Pt. 1

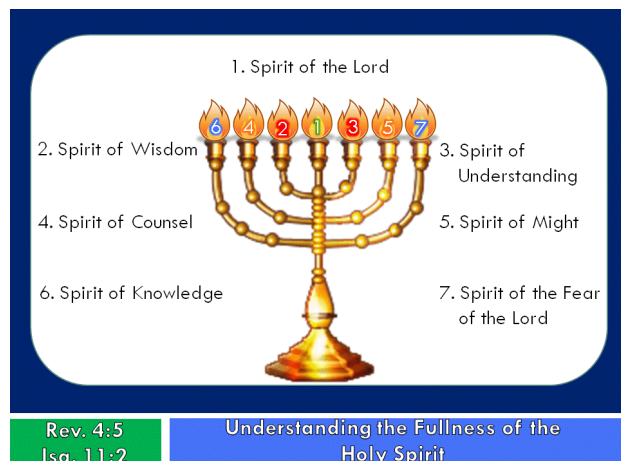
Speaker: Pastor Delthony L. Gordon **Scripture Reading:** Acts 1:6-8

Additional Texts: John 16:7&13; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 14:6-12

As we look around our world today we see a world in dire _____. There is strife and poverty everywhere and for many there seems to be no _____. As Christians God has given us a commission to take a message to the world (*Matthew 28:19 & 20*), the gospel of hope – that of His _____! But as a church we are also in _____, for the work that God has given seems to languish almost like the world languishes. So what is it that we need to accomplish this work? The answer may **seem** all too simple, but let us prayerfully go back to God’s word as we study today.

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1. What did Jesus promise His disciples? *John 14:16; Acts 1:4; 2:33*
 2. Why did Jesus **have to go back** to heaven? *John 16:7; Rev. 4:5; 5:6*
 3. What does the Holy Spirit empower us to do? *Acts 1:8**
 4. Can **just** anyone receive the Holy Spirit’s fullness? *John 14:17; Acts 5:32*
 5. What else does the Holy Spirit do? *John 16:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18*

***Witness** – [Greek] *martus*, meaning a *witness* (lit. [judicially] or fig. [gen.]); a “*martyr*”:—martyr



The lapse of time has wrought no change in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If the fulfillment of the promise is not seen as it might be, it is because the promise is not appreciated as it should be. If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit. Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Whenever minor matters occupy the attention, the divine power which

is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in infinite plenitude.

Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God. Companies of Christian workers should gather to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely. Especially should they pray that God will baptize His chosen ambassadors in mission fields with a rich measure of His Spirit. The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give. ***Acts of the Apostles pp, 50-51***

May we be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we can witness for Christ!

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