

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAYER

- I. The HISTORICAL Aspect
 - A. The PROGRESSION
 - 1. Opening the door of FAITH to the JEWS (Acts 2)
 - 2. Opening the door of FAITH to the SAMARITANS (Acts 8)
 - 3. Opening the door of FAITH to the GENTILES (Acts 10)
 - B. The PATTERN
 - 1. In each case, PETER was the LEADER (cf. Matt. 16:19)
 - 2. God was establishing the UNITY of the CHURCH
 - 3. God's method TODAY seen in the GENTILE pattern

- II. The PERSONAL Aspect
 - A. Does the Holy Spirit witness WITHIN YOU that you are REDEEMED?
(Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:24)
 - B. Are you LIVING in FELLOWSHIP with GOD? (1 John 1:6-7; Jude 1:20-21a)
 - 1. Living for His GLORY?
 - 2. Motivated by His LOVE?
 - 3. Yielded to the Spirit's CONTROL?

III. The DOCTRINAL Aspect (Zech. 12:10)

A. The Holy Spirit produces a DESIRE for PRAYER (Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:6)

1. Prompts us to CRY OUT to the Father in a CRISIS
2. Prompts us to TALK to the Father about EVERYTHING

B. The Holy Spirit intercedes WITH us and FOR us as we pray (Rom. 8:26-27)

1. He GUIDES us to PRAY in God's WILL
2. He TEACHES us through our STUDY of God's WORD (cf. Eph. 6:17)