

Today's Class

- The Holy Spirit, continued
 - Review of last week
 - Manifestations of the Holy Spirit
 - Speaking in tongues
 - Wrap-up
- Communion
 - The event we commemorate
 - Differing views of the Lords' Supper
 - The Restoration view of Communion

Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

- “Quietly”
 - As role as councilor, teacher, intercessor
 - Leading our actions (multiple references for Paul, Jesus)
- “Noisily”
 - Directing prophesy (speaking for God)
 - Speaking in tongues

Speaking in tongues

- Associated with several NT conversions (though certainly not all)
- In *Acts* references, speaking in other languages had a very specific intent
 - Allow everyone to hear God's message (Acts 2)
 - Provide convincing evidence that God accepted the saving faith of the new Christians (Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:1-7)
- Paul considered the “speaking in tongues” debate as harmful to the church. 1 Cor 14

The Holy Spirit: Summary

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 - The Holy Spirit is repeatedly referred to as an active participant in God's work in both the OT and NT.
 - The Holy Spirit was present in key parts of the life and ministry of Jesus
 - The Holy Spirit is described as a teacher, councilor, and intercessor... "indwelling" in the very fabric of the life of the believer.
 - The Holy Spirit was manifested both quietly and, at times, very forcefully, in the lives of the early Christians.
 - The Holy Spirit is a gift from God to His followers
- Questions (not to be answered here!!)
 - What is the precise relationship if God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit? ("What is the Trinity?")
 - Did the gifts of tongues die out with the first generation of the church?

The Lord's Supper

- The Passover Meal before Jesus' arrest.
Luke 22:7-23
- As recounted by Paul. 1 Cor 11:23-29

Views of the Lord's Supper

- **Catholic:** “Transubstantiation.” The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is repeated during the ceremony
- **Lutheran:** “Consubstantiation.” The sacrifice of Jesus is not repeated during the ceremony
- **Anglicans, Methodists:** Christ is actually present in the elements, though the elements themselves do not change form.
- **Most evangelical churches:** Communion is memorial. There is not miracle or actual presence of Jesus in the elements.

Restoration Churches' View of Communion

- Communion is “merely” symbolic
- Communion is meant as a time to remember Jesus. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is often the focus of the remembrance.
- Communion is “open.”
- Communion is held weekly.