

Christ Proclamation Church – Core Values

Bible Study 5; Monday, June 30, 2014; Steve Thiel

Saving Faith is Fruitful

We value clarity on the fruitfulness of saving faith. Sinners are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and yet that faith is never alone. Saving faith is grounded in the promise of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, those who are born of the Spirit will always bear the fruit of the Spirit.

I. Promise of the Spirit of Power

- A. In Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Jeremiah 31:31-34, what will the Spirit accomplish?
- B. According to John 7:37-39, what needs to take place before the Spirit is given?

II. The Coming of the Spirit of Power

- A. Read Acts 2 and list all the things done by the Spirit. What adjectives describe the Holy Spirit?
- B. Read Acts 1:8; 8:14-17; and 10:44-48. Where and in what ways did the Spirit work in Acts?

III. The Fruit of the Spirit of Power

A. Power NOT to Sin – Read Romans 8:1-14

- 1. What comparisons are made between the Law and the Spirit in Romans 8:1-4?
- 2. List all the different contrasts that Paul gives between flesh and Spirit in Romans 8:5-14?
- 3. In summary, how would you describe people who are in the Spirit?

B. Power to Love – Read Galatians 5:16-25

- 1. What contrasts are given between the flesh and the Spirit in these verses?
- 2. How do we know it's not perfectionism? And yet, why is real change so critical?

C. Power to Witness – Read Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-10 and 2 Timothy 1:7

- 1. What power and mission have we been given?
- 2. How does the “power NOT to sin” and the “power to love” adorn our gospel sharing?