WHAT I HAVE IN CHRIST (A)

Text: II Corinthians 5:17

Intro: This subject is a well that is really too deep to swim in. What a joy it is to realize what we have as a result of being in Christ. We are in Christ because we repented of our sins and trusted Him to save our souls. We get into Christ, just like Noah got into the ark. Noah believed a flood was coming and went into the ark. We believe God's Word and we have done what He has commanded us to do. We are greatly blessed because we are in Christ. One of the reasons why the Lord's people do not serve Him, is because they forget or do not know what they have in Christ. I am richer in Christ than a millionaire. In fact what I have in Christ cannot be bought with any amount of money.

I. I HAVE AN ACCEPTANCE WITH GOD.

A. I am accepted in Christ.
1. Paul said that we are accepted in the beloved or Christ. Ephesians 1:6 God accepts those who repent of sin and receive Christ as Saviour.
2. God will not receive everyone. He will only receive the ones that has received Christ. That is why the saved person has peace when he thinks of God. A lost person does not have peace when thinking about meeting God face to face at the judgment.
3. Strangers will not be welcomed into heaven only children of God will go there. Jesus tells people to believe in Him or experience the wrath of almighty God. John 3:36

B. I am accepted of christians.
1. I heard this saying years ago. Birds of a feather, flock together. Christians or believers should love to be around believers. We are part of the same family. I have been to churches where I did not know anyone, but I felt right at home.

2. Christians should accept christians. You will always meet and bond with people that you can fellowship with.
3. All christians should accept all christians. The spiritual birth makes us spiritually kin to each other. We have the same Father, Saviour, Word of God, and the same things in common with one another.

C. I am accepted of the churches.
1. It is a joy to sit in a church and feel right at home. Church life should be an important part of your life. It is a spiritual house where we come to and get fed spiritually.
2. I think Acts 2:44 speaks of this principle. The saved have all things in common with one another. We may have more in common with some than others. This is especially true of those who believe as we do.
3. A church should be a place of love, joy, fellowship, acceptance, and peace. The believers are encouraged to bear the fruits of the Spirit in church services. Gal. 5:22,23 The teaching and preaching ministry of a church encourages God's people to live for the Lord.

II. I HAVE AN AFFECTION THAT IS GREAT.

A. I have a love for Christ.
1. We do love Him because He first loved us. I John 4:19 This love is instill in us at the point
of the New Birth. Romans 5:5 It is the work of the Holy Spirit of God.

2. We are to set our affections on things above. Col. 3:2 This is Paul's encouragement to the saved. We have part in where we set our affections. We can set them on the things of the world or the things of the Lord. It is up to us.

3. The Love of Christ should constrain us and cause us to refrain. II Cor. 5:14 The love for the Lord is the only thing that will cause us to obey the Lord and live for Him.

4. This love was implanted in us by the Holy Spirit when we were saved. Romans 5:5 This is a heavenly love that comes from God. We are able to love in a limited way as the Lord loves in an unlimited way.

B. I have a love for His commandments.
1. We love Christ and the things of Christ. There is a special love for His Word. We love the Lord and the Word of the Lord tells us more about the Lord. So we love the Word of the Lord.

2. We are to study the Word. II Tim. 2:15 We are to desire the sincere milk of the Word. I Peter 2:2 Right after salvation we want to know more about the Lord and His work. We are hungry. We long to know more about Jesus and His work.

3. Those newly converted adults love to read and study and talk about the Word of God. Would to God that wonderful desire would continue on. It would if we paid the attention to the Lord that we ought to. We soon crowd the Lord and His Word out of our lives. The Devil will see to that.

C. I have a love for Christians.
1. Love for the saved is an evidence of salvation. I John 3:14 Love for others who are saved gives evidence and proof of our salvation.

2. We are fellow believers. We are saved and born again. We are part of the family of God. We belong together. We will live together eternally with the Lord and other saved people.

3. There is a longing to be around and live with other Christians. It is a joy to fellowship with the saved in church, on the job, in the community, and at other activities.

III. I HAVE AN ADVOCATE THAT IS GOOD.
A. The sins
1. I John was written to believers. The first chapter deals at length with the sin question. The book of I John was written to the saved to teach them about sin and what it does to us and how it affects our fellowship with the Lord.

2. When the saved person confesses sin, the Lord is just and faithful to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

3. We do sin with the lips, action, mind, and heart. We are sinners by nature, choice, and practice. We will sin, but we must be taught what to do with our sins.

B. The sacrifice
1. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. I John 2:2 He paid our sin debt. John the Baptist referred to Him as THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD. John 1:29

2. He bore our sins on the cross. I Peter 2:24 He took our place on Calvary and died in our place. He paid the price for all of our sins.

3. The Sinless died for the sinful. II Cor. 5:21 He paid for our sins on the tree of Calvary. Read and study I Peter 3:18.

C. The satisfaction
1. When Jesus died for us and our sins, He paid the complete sin debt. Someone must pay for sin. Jesus who was sinless was willing to pay for the sins of the sinful.

2. He satisfied the just demands of the law of God. Isa. 53:11 God's justice was satisfied when Jesus paid for our sins.

3. Now God forgives us for Christ sake, when we sin against Him. Eph. 4:32 That is the glorious thing. God will forgive any and all sins, when we confess the sins. He forgives because of what Christ did on Calvary. Romans 4:25

IV. I HAVE ANSWERS THAT ARE GLORIOUS.
A. Answers about life
1. How are we to live? What is the best way to live your short brief life? In Christ and His Word I can find the answers to life's difficult questions.

2. The Lord will answer your questions about life in precept or example in His Word. As you read the Bible you will find, there is someone that is going through the same thing you are in principle. The circumstances may differ, but the principle is the same. For instance, Jesus was forsaken of His disciples during His trial and on the cross. You are not on a cross, but you have been forsaken by a friend or family, or those of the same faith.

3. The Bible is inspired and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16,17 It is the all sufficient rule of faith and practice.

B. Answers about love
1. What is real true love? Can you know when you love someone? There is a great difference
in what the world thinks and what the Word of God teaches.

2. God's love within us helps us to love others as we ought to. Rom. 5:5 Paul tells us that it is the greatest gift of all. I Corinthians 13:13

3. We are to love our families. Eph. 5:21-6:4 Love will show itself toward other family members. We ought to go back and study the Word of God again on loving the family. So many families are being torn apart.

4. Love for our mates. There is a great difference between love and lust. What is real love for a mate? We are to love our mate as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her.

C. Answers about loyalty.

1. We are the stewards of God. As stewards we must be faithful. I Cor. 4:2 All believers are to be faithful stewards of what God has given unto them.

2. Be loyal to your mate. Faithfulness is taught in the Word of God. The television and movies have influenced our generation in a bad and evil way. The movies always had the man and woman marrying and living happily ever after. The truth is every marriage will have its own set of problems. True love will seek to work the problems out.

3. Be loyal to your church. We are Missionary Baptists for a reason. The reason is the teaching or truth that we preach. We are even different from other Baptist groups. That is why we fellowship with our own. Fellowship is based on an agreement of Bible truth.

4. While we may disagree with other Baptist groups, it does not mean they are not New Testament churches. They may be in error in some of these teachings, but they would have to go a long way off, to be considered unscriptural or not New Testament churches.

5. Be loyal to the Lord. He deserves to be first in our lives. Matt. 6:33 Paul teaches us to present our bodies a living sacrifice.

V. I HAVE AN ASSISTANCE THAT IS GRACIOUS.

A. The supply

1. Paul said Christ enabled him to do all things. Phil. 4:13 The Lord supplies the strength and ability.

2. Paul said God would supply all of his needs from His riches in glory. Phil. 4:19 Jesus is the great supplier of the things that we need.

3. God supplies our daily needs. He is good to meet our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs each day. The psalmist said, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." Psalm 23:1 Want means to go lacking.

B. The strength

1. Jesus said the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41 Our flesh is weak. Read and study what Jesus said in Luke 18:1.

2. Jesus is our strength. He can lift us up and give us the strength and grace to pick up and go on. Jesus plainly states without Him we can do nothing. John 15:5

3. Study the principle that is found in II Cor. 12:9! We must confess that we are weak before He can make us strong. We may think we can do it. We can manage without Him, but we can't.

C. The service

1. We were saved to serve the Lord. Romans 12:1,2 We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice. This is our reasonable service to the Lord.

2. The Holy Spirit implants the desire to serve the Lord in some way. He creates spiritual desires in our hearts to serve the Lord because we love Him.

3. The Holy Spirit gives us the guidance that we need to do the work. The desire to work comes from the Holy Spirit. He also shows us what we can do for the Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do the work. He is the Comforter or the One who offers assistance to the Lord's people.

5. So many times I did not know what to do, or say, or think! The Lord can handle a lot of things, if we will allow Him to.

From Georgia

I have been receiving Sounding Out The Word since November of 1992. I want to say Thank You to you and all those that are responsible for getting the material out. I am a bi-vocational pastor and the outlines are a wonderful source of help because I am limited in my preparation time because of all the responsibilities I have.

From the Philippines

Thank you for your nice and wonderful books that you sent me. I was surprised to receive your books (materials) which I gladly need for my ministry here. I'm very glad so much and I really thankful for sending me such helpful materials.

I pray to the Lord that might continue your ministry to help some missionaries to reach out to the people. Once again thank you and your concern to help some missionaries.

From Jamaica in the West Indies

Greetings in the wonderful name of Christ Jesus. Thank you for your letter and package of books. It was a real blessing receiving the books. God bless you. I am enjoying using them in my ministry. I am thankful for a ministry like this one. I hardly can wait for the issue of the papers. I would love to be in touch. Please keep me on the mailing list and send me the paper and outline books whenever they are available. Kindly accept greetings from the household of faith here.
From Pennsylvania

I want to thank you for the books and the papers from Sounding Out the Word that you’ve sent me. They have been a real blessing to me and have been very helpful to help keep the battery charged in sermon preparation.

I know that it takes a lot of work to produce all of these fine books and paper and so a great big Thank You to you and all those who labor with you in this cause.

From the Philippines

I’m just a poor country preacher ministering to native Filipino people living in remotest and mountainous part of Northern Mindanao. Although my background has been a Pentecostal, but I have recently been captured and introduced to the truth through a single booklet entitled, THE SALVATION OF THE LORD. Your booklet caught up my interest and introduced me to the wealth of your theological writings especially in the area of salvation. I came across your booklet by holy providence, being left on the ground, dirty, and trampled down by passing people. I picked it up, removed the dirt, pressed it carefully and read sincerely line upon line till I all over. I was excited to discover that it was Baptist.

But as I read it again and again, I see Christ exalted at the right hand of the Father as Lord and Christ. Then I find myself at His feet in confession and worship the "Prince of Life." This time I felt different after I know the fact and reality of salvation. In His presence I am filled with God's mercy, grace, and hope. Therefore, I know that this is God's presence who move my life a fresh. This is all because of your Spirit filled and anointed booklet.

From Michigan

Please forgive me for taking so long to write. I just want to reinforce the comments I made to you over the phone last October. The sermon outlines you folks have so diligently worked on to get to other pastors is truly a rich blessing to my life and ministry. God has blessed them. In my library I have many books of sermons, sermon outlines, and other "helps" for the preacher of this day and I want you to know that yours is by far the best and most preachable! I wish I would have had them twenty years ago. They go perfectly with what the unknown French writer wrote: "I have called a bouquet of varied flowers from men's gardens, and nothing is my own but the string that binds them." I hope you will pass this on, also, to those preachers whose works are in these books. If you have any more, please send them. May God richly bless you and your church for your labors of love and sacrifice.

From the Philippines

Your sermons and literature have been and truly are great blessings to me, my members and other pastors which I shared the sermonette. Many souls have been touched and coming to the saving knowledge of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS (K)

Text: 1 Timothy 3:15

INTRODUCTION:

A. DEVELOPING a hunger for the Word - is a most profitable venture.
B. DEDICATION to involvement is most beneficial.
C. DELIBERATE focus on ingredients for improvement is vital.
D. DISCOURSE for our consideration - GOOD CHURCH MEMBERS ARE:

I. KEYS! Ezekiel 22:30
A. The MEANING of the term.
   1. A key is a crucial element for opening.
   2. A key is a crucial element for access to some things.
B. The MESSAGE as it relates to us.
   1. Keys to the success of the church.
   2. Keys to the opening of doors for future advancement.
   3. Keys to the access to the power of God.

II. KNOWLEDGEABLE? II Timothy 1:12
A. SALVATION aspect II Timothy 1:12
   1. They know Jesus in a personal way.
   2. They are saved.
B. SECURITY aspect II Timothy 1:12
C. SPIRITUAL-maturity aspect II Peter 3:18
   1. This is directly linked with the intake of Biblical enlightenment.
   2. Hebrews 5:12-14
D. STABILITY aspect - settled on the faith which was delivered unto the saints.
   1. They know what they believe and why.
   2. This embraces the fundamental and foundational truths.

III. KIND! Ephesians 4:32
A. The MEANING - This word means to be warm hearted and friendly.
B. The MUSING - What causes people to be unkind?
   1. Dissatisfaction with their own lives.
   2. Resentment towards others. (Envy and Jealousy)
   3. Selfishness which is linked to carnality.

ANOTHER GREAT BLESSING: One of our churches in Japan sent $1,600.00 in money orders to the Sounding Out the Word ministry. This is the first offering of this size from out of our country. I opened the registered letter as I was returning from the Post Office and ran right through a stop sign. I am not bragging about running the stop sign. I was surprised and rejoiced so much about the offering that I didn't even see the stop sign. I rejoice that our brethren in Japan wanted to help this far reaching ministry and help us provide sound Bible material to people in forty countries.
C. The MASTER was kind.

IV. KINSMEN!
A. This embraces a FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.
B. This embraces a LOVING RELATIONSHIP.
C. This embraces a CARING RELATIONSHIP.

V. KNEELERS! Psalms 95:6
A. This reveals prayer people.
B. This reveals respect and adoration for God.
C. This reveals humility.

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DILEMMAS OF DOUBT AND DEFINITE ANTIDOTES
Text: Matthew 8:23-27
Intro: There are definite parallels between this story and things that happen in our Christian life today.

I. SHIFTING SEAS
A. The world and man is tossed to and fro on the seas of uncertainty.
B. Especially the saved who are in the family of God.
C. There are any number of things that can put us in a peril of high waves and distress.
1. The storms of high inflation and low income.
2. The storm of low morality and the job of raising children.
3. The continual threat of violence in the neighborhoods and homes. (Robbery and murder)
D. Some time we think that there is no way out.

II. SCARED DISCIPLES
A. This is not just a story.
   1. The disciples were really concerned about the storm.
   2. Some of them were fishermen and were used to storms, but not this one.
B. There is nothing wrong with fear if we don’t let it rule us.
C. The Word says, “Perfect love casteth out fear.”
   1. This means to me that everything is not always going to go right.
   2. But rather when they go wrong, we have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
D. Peter said cast your cares upon the Lord.
   1. Many times we are prone to sink with the ship instead of waking up the Master.
   2. He is always there.

III. SINKING SHIPS
A. Speaking of sinking ships, I see many go down in the sea of life today.
   1. The man who dropped out of church because he no longer could find it profitable.
   2. The constant worrier of problems. (No problem ever went away from worry.) It is when we face them and call on the Lord that they disappear.
   3. The financial ship. (Too many people are depending on finances to keep them afloat.
   4. The ship is just not sea worthy.
   5. Jesus is the sustainer of life. When finances are gone, He will still be there.
B. The disciples had to but look around and they saw the answer to their problem.
1. Too many people are looking to banks and even friends. 
2. The Lord is the one to help you in this life.

IV. SIMPLE WORDS
A. I love this line. Mark 4:39 "Peace be still."
1. The waves ceased and the sea became glass.
2. The words of the Master are often simple.
3. But the powers they yield are greater than all the storms of life.
B. Many a storm tossed disciple has found that when his soul was tossed upon the sea of distress, he had to but look unto the Word and find peace to a troubled soul.
C. Many is the time that a mother by the bed of a sick child, placed him in the hands of the Shepherd of the 23rd Psalm.
D. The Simple Words, "Let not your heart be troubled" has comforted many a grieved loved one at the grave of her spouse.

Conclusion: There will be trouble as long as the sons of men still walk in these sin cursed bodies, but there is no sea of life you can sail upon which the Lord does not hold the reins on.

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AN IDEAL MOTHER

Mother who meditates upon His word
Obedient to Christ her Lord
Trustworthy, thankful, quick to understand
Hears and heeds to His holy command
Effectually fervent in prayer
Rely upon Him, He's always there.

Mother's love is always forbearing
Open arms, heart of forgiving
Tender care and all so kind
Hearken to those young minds
Exalt God in time of need
Renown countless joy indeed.

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WALKING IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Text: I John 1:5-9

I. THE FATHER AND FELLOWSHIP V5
A. Father of light I Thess. 5:1-5
B. Father of love I John 4:19
C. Father of life John 10:10

II. THE FALSE AND FELLOWSHIP V6
A. The darkness
B. The deceived-we lie Gal. 6:7,8
C. The doing-not the truth

III. THE FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP V7
A. The conduct-walk
B. The course-in the light
C. The communion-fellowship with Him

IV. THE FAILURE AND FELLOWSHIP V8
A. The saying-if we say
B. The sin-we have no sin
C. The seriousness-deceive ourselves

V. THE FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP V9
A. The conviction of sin John 16:8-11
B. The confession of sin V9
C. The compassion for the sinner
D. The cleansing of sin V9

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WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Text: Revelation 5:8-12

Introduction:

A. A lot of things would be changed, service would be improved, if we would remember that CHRIST IS THE SERVICE IS UNTO THE LORD.
Colossians 3:17, 23; I Corinthians 10:31

B. We are not worthy to be His servants, but He is WORTHY TO RECEIVE OUR BEST. Genesis 32:10; Matthew 8:8; Luke 15:19

C. We are guilty, condemned sinners...but HE IS WITHOUT SIN. I Peter 2:24

D. We who have been saved because of WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US ought to believe the Psalmist.
Psalm 116:12

I. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE.

A. These in heaven.
   1. Twenty-four elders
   2. Angels V12
   3. Note the basis of their praise. V12

B. Hear the psalmist call for praise. Psalm 107:8, 15, 16, 21, 22, 32, 32.

C. We ought to praise Him for...
   1. Forgiveness Isaiah 38:17
   2. Daily provisions Psalm 23
   3. For answered prayers Psalm 40:1-3
   4. For SUFFICIENT GRACE: To save Ephesians 2:8; To keep standing Romans 5:2; and SUFFICIENT FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCE II Corinthians 12:9
   5. Psalm 100:4

II. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PERSON.

A. He is worthy of our heart's trust. Proverbs 3:5; Psalm 37:3-5
B. He is worthy of our heart's love and adoration. I
John 4:19
C. He is worthy of our PERSONAL SERVICE.
1. He does not draft for service.
2. He does not force service.
3. He does call to service. II Timothy 1:9
4. King David's appeal I Chron. 29:5
5. The apostle Paul's appeal Romans 12:1; I Corinthians 6:20

III. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PARTNERSHIP.
A. He is the VINE...we are the branches. John 15:5
B. He is the builder...we are the house. I Cor 3:9
C. He is the King...we are the ambassadors. II Corinthians 5:20
D. He is the LIVING WORD...we are the WITNESSES and MESSENGERS. Luke 24:46-48
E. He is the MASTER LIGHT...we are the reflectors. John 8:12; Matthew 5:14

IV. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PARTICIPATION.
A. A pastor has a sermon entitled, "Abilities God can use."
1. Availability Isaiah 6:8
2. Dependability I Corinthians 4:2
3. Stickability I Corinthians 15:58
4. Useability I Peter 3:15
B. Participate means to TAKE A PART...SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY.
1. Upon being saved Paul asked, Lord, WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ME DO? Acts 9:6
2. There is a work for all. Ephesians 2:10; Col. 9:10; Galatians 6:4
3. Work that needs PARTICIPATION: Witnessing, prayer Luke 18:1; teaching II Timothy 2:2; and Exhorting Hebrews 3:13; Converting James 5:19,20; Restoring Galatians 6:1; and Strengthening others Luke 22:32

V. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR POSSESSION.
A. He gave it to us for a season. I Chron. 29:16
B. Lev. 27:30,31
C. Proverbs 3:9

IN HIS LAW" (VS. 1)
A. PERFECT INVITATION. I Tim. 2:15.
B. PERFECT INFORMATION. Psa. 119:11.
C. PERFECT ILLUMINATION. Psa. 119:105.
D. PERFECT ILLUSTRATION. I Tim. 3:16-17.

II. AGREEMENT WITH THE WORD - "SEEK HIM WITH THE WHOLE HEART." (VS. 2)
A. CORRECTS OUR HEART. Heb. 4:12.
B. CORRECTS OUR MIND. Heb. 12:3.
C. CORRECTS OUR HANDS. Phil. 3:13-14.
D. CORRECTS OUR HOLINESS. Col. 3:16-17.

III. APPLICATION OF THE WORD - "WALK IN HIS WAYS." (VS. 3)
B. CURBS OUR DESIRES. II Cor. 5:17.
D. COMPLETES OUR DESTINY. Eph. 2:10.

IV. APPRECIATION OF HIS WORD.
A. IT BLESSES OUR LIFE. Phil. 4:6-7.
B. IT BLESSES OUR LABORS. I Tim. 4:7-8.
C. IT BLESSES OUR LAND. I Chron. 7:14.
D. IT BLESSES OUR LOVED ONES. Col. 3:18-21.

V. SUMMARY:
A. TO WALK IN HIS LAW IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GUIDANCE OF HIS WORD.
B. TO SEEK HIM WITH OUR WHOLE HEART IS TO AGREE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF HIS WORD.
C. TO WALK IN HIS WAYS IS TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIFE.
D. THE BLESSED PERSON WILL BE ONE WHO APPRECIATES THE EFFECT OF GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIFE.

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MOTHER'S DAY

Did you remember it's Mother's Day?
Did you give her a call?
Did you tell her you love her?
Those words on her ears, did they fall?

Oh, I wish I had remembered
To call and tell her more.
But now she is gone to Heaven
And I can't do it like I did before.

She knew that I loved her,
But those words Mothers need to hear.
So please, don't forget to tell her
That you love her on Mother's Day this year.
Roses are a gift of love  
And cards they surely are too.  
But best of all, she loves to hear,  
My Mom, I love and appreciate you.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text: John 14:15-20

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
   A. In creation Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4
   B. In conviction Genesis 6:3
   C. In preparing men for special work  
      1. Bezalel and Aholiab to build the tabernacle  
         Exodus 31:1-6
      2. Joshua to lead Israel Numbers 27:18; Deut. 34:9
      3. Daniel to interpret dreams Daniel 4:8; 6:3
      4. Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple Zechariah 4:6
   D. Other references to the Holy Spirit  
      1. "Take not thy Holy Spirit." Psalm 51:11
      2. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." Isaiah 61:1
      3. "The Spirit of the Lord fell upon me..." Ezekiel 11:5
      4. "Entered into me..." Ezekiel 2:22
      5. "I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." Micah 3:8
      6. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit..." Zechariah 4:6
      7. "The Lord of Host hath sent His Spirit." Zechariah 7:12

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BEFORE PENTECOST
   A. The ministry of Jesus  
      1. The Spirit descending like a dove. Matt 3:16
      2. Led by the Spirit in the wilderness. Matt 4:1
      3. Cast out devils by the Spirit of God. Matt 12:28
   B. In His teachings  
      1. "Born of the Spirit." John 3:5,6
      2. "Spirit that quickeneth." John 6:63
   4. "God giveth not the Spirit by measure." John 3:34

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLED INDIVIDUALS BEFORE PENTECOST
   A. John the Baptist Luke 1:15
      1. Spoke plainly, not in unknown tongues. Herodias understood and had him beheaded. Matthew 14:1-12
      2. Pharisees and Sadducees understood, "O generation of vipers..." Matthew 3:7
   B. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:41
      1. When she greeted Mary she praised God.
   C. Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:67
      Words recorded and were understood.
   D. Simeon, "Holy Spirit was upon him...He came in the Spirit. Luke 2:25-27
      1. Listen to what Simeon said. Luke 2:25-32 It was all understandable.

IV. THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—PENTECOST OR LATER
   A. Pentecost men spoke in languages others understood.
      1. "Filled with the Holy Ghost and they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (ability). Acts 2:4
      2. "...every man heard in his own language." Acts 2:4
      3. "How hear we every man in our own (language) tongue, wherein we were born? V8
      4. "We do hear them speak in our tongues, the wonderful works of God." V11
   B. Peter filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:8
      1. Men understood his message. V13
      2. Peter was not perfect, later rebuked by Paul. Galatians 2:11-14
   C. "All filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31
   D. Barnabas was filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 11:24
   E. Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 13:9
      1. Rebutted Elymas V8-11

V. DEACONS CHOSEN FROM MEN "FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST." Acts 6:3
   A. Stephen Acts 7:59
   B. Philip Acts 8:5,12

VI. THE SPIRIT CAUSED MEN TO PREACH THE WORD WITH BOLDNESS.

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