

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brad Shaw's brother Steve-health issues.
- ◆ Sonny Witham - Heart problems (hospital)
- ◆ Lindsey Barnes - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health (heart & kidney).
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Ana Bouchard - Serious shoulder injury.
- ◆ Lisa Sampson having health issues.
- ◆ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Search
- ◆ Marescot Family - Fix Our Eyes on Jesus.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Family Attendance.
- ◆ Sarah Small - Recovering from surgery

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song 103 *He Has Made Me Glad*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Matt Sampson

Song 166 *He's My King*

Scripture 1 - 2 Peter 1:1-21

Angel Velez

Song 383 *Jesus, Keep Me*

Near The Cross

Lord's Supper - John Carter, James

Butler, Lenny Spano

Song 376 *He Paid A Debt*

Contribution

Song 31 *Be Still And Know*

Scripture 2 – Acts 2:1-38

Robert Balsamo

Song 4 *To God Be The Glory*

Prayer - John Marescot

Scripture 3 - Galatians 5:13-26

Abraham Damuth

Song 406 *Just A Closer Walk*

With Thee

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 43 Contribution: \$1983.50

THE BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

Jesus Christ is...
the brightness of
His glory.

Heb. 1:3



The law
is only a
shadow of
the good
things that
are coming...



...not the realities themselves.
Hebrews 10:1

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Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today 4/23: Life Groups

Tuesday 4/25: Singing

Happy Birthday!

April 23 Brenda Shaw

Mark your Directories

Brenda & James Butler

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Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Jacob
Romano, Clifford Parker

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

The Holy Spirit's Work

For our scripture reading Sunday, Abe has chosen some verses that draw our attention towards the marvelous and at times, seemingly mysterious work of the Holy Spirit both in history and in our lives today. From the very beginning of time, we see the activity of the Spirit of God as He was "hovering over the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2) as God prepared to create our universe. For many though, the question seems to be, "What role does the Holy Spirit play in the Christian's life today?" Although we won't be able to answer every aspect of that question, there are some fundamental truths we can be confident about.

The first text is 2nd Peter 1:1-21 where we read of this "divine power" which has supplied the Christian with all things pertaining "to life and godliness" (1:3). This came about "through the knowledge of Him," speaking of Jesus Christ. Because of this amazing gift, the Christian is to seek to mature, adding to their faith various qualities which will help them to be effective in God's kingdom, the church. So, important is this knowledge of Him (Christ), that Peter talks of reminding them of it often. He would teach them and remind them by use of the Scriptures, which at that time referred to the Old Testament. These scriptures were trustworthy because the source was the Holy Spirit. Paul would speak of it this way, saying that "all scripture is given by inspiration" and can make man "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2nd Timothy 3:16-17). Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come and guide His apostles into all truth, where that knowledge would be proclaimed, which leads us to our next text.

In Acts 2:1-38, the scene is dramatic, as the Lord's church is brought forth with the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. "Divided tongues, as of fire" came upon the apostles and they were "filled with the Holy Spirit" (2:3-4). The promise given by Jesus to them now comes to bear and the proclamation of the gospel begins. Because people with varying dialects were present on this day, it would take the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit to enable the

apostles to speak the gospel "in our own tongues" (2:11). We see Peter, powerfully proclaiming the message, a message that "cut to the heart" (2:37) of many there. On that day, many would respond to that message, receiving both remission of sins and "the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38). This gift of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life, is that of a seal, "who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession" (Ephesians 1:14). This, of course, leads us to our final text for today.

In Galatians 5:13-26 we find that seal within us, fighting with us, as we journey homeward. There is this battle within the Christian, one we would be foolish to deny: it is the battle between the Spirit within and flesh, "they are contrary to one another" (Galatians 5:17). Both want us to submit to them, for when we do, various things come forth: the flesh brings forth worldly things and the Spirit brings out the godliness which was mentioned at the beginning of this article. When we choose to "live in the Spirit" and thus "walk in the Spirit" (5:25), God will be glorified in all that we do.

So here is what we can be confident about concerning the work of the Holy Spirit today. First, the very bibles we carry came about through His work through men in history. That truth we now have can equip us thoroughly. That same Holy Spirit now seals us as we journey homeward, helping us to fight against those fleshly tendencies. Thank you Lord for the ongoing work of Your Spirit in our lives.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
