John 16:13

- I am certainly not an expert when it comes to knowing everything there is to know about the Holy Spirit.
- However, there are some things that we can know about the Holy Spirit as revealed to us in God's Word.
- And consequently, every topic involving the Holy Spirit is somehow connected to God's Word.

- Today, let us examine what Jesus has to say about the function of the Holy Spirit concerning the New Covenant.
  - John 14:26
  - John 15:26-27
  - John 16:13
    - Let's interpret all the subject matter involving the Holy Spirit through the lens of this revelation from Jesus.

- Whether it be......
  - -The Gift of the Holy Spirit
  - -The baptism of the Holy Spirit
  - The gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - The product of the Holy Spirit
  - The indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- Whether it be.....
  - The anointing of the Holy Spirit
  - -The sealing of the Holy Spirit
  - -The intercession of the Holy Spirit
  - -The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

- The first thing that needs to be established is whether the Gift of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit or something given to us by the Holy Spirit.
- In light of the quotations from Jesus in the gospel of John, the answer seems to be that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit.

- Now saying and accepting that does not have to mean that other things given to us by the Spirit are not part of the Gift.
- In other words, the Spirit is the Gift, who then accomplishes His purpose through a variety of gifts according to I Cor. 12:4.
- Some of these gifts were miraculous and some were not. Some of these gifts were for a limited time and some last til the end of time. But, all served for the common good.- I Cor. 12:7

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- This was promised
  - John the Baptist- John 1:33
  - Jesus told the apostles this in Acts 1:4-5
  - Peter says that this was prophesied by Joel-Acts 2:16-17

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- This was administered by Jesus-
  - Matt. 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33
- There are two occasions when it occurred-
  - Acts 2:1-4- To the apostles
  - Acts 10:44-46- To the Gentiles (incidentally, Luke says that this was the gift of the H.S.) See also Acts 11:16-17.

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- What happened in both cases?
  - The recipients were able to speak in tongues.
- To what purpose?
  - To communicate that the gospel (salvation through Christ) was available first to the Jews in Acts 2 and then to all men in Acts 10.

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- But, doesn't the statement made by John the Baptist to his audience, along with the prophecy of Joel, indicate that this was to be given to more than just the apostles?
  - The answer is yes, but not directly.
  - The power given to the apostles upon receiving
    H.S. baptism would be shared by them with others.

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- So, the impact would be felt by all, even though, not everyone received the baptism directly.
- Again, we have to remember that all of this is for the purpose of propagating the gospel.
- This was one aspect of the Gift of the H.S. In this case it involved the miraculous, which leads us to what we will consider next.....

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### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- The baptism of the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to lay hands on other disciples and give them certain miraculous abilities.
  - Many of these are outlined in I Cor. 12:7-11
  - Mark 16:20 helps us understand that these signs would confirm the word that was being preached.
  - Again, this is another aspect of the Gift of the H.S.

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Product of the Holy Spirit

- II Tim. 3:16-17
- II Peter 1:20-21
- The Bible is another aspect of the Gift of the Holy Spirit that leads people to salvation and guides people to sanctification. The Holy Spirit, in our time, operates through the word and not miraculously. I Cor. 13:8-10; James 1:25

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Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- Ephesians 5:19
- Colossians 3:16
- Gal. 4:6
- Consider this when we think about how Christ dwells in our hearts- Eph. 3:17 (through faith)-Romans 10:17- (Again connected to the Word)

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Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- Romans 8:9, 14, "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.....For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
- If someone says that the spirit of my earthly father seems to dwell in me, they don't mean that literally.

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The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

 I John 2:20- provided the believers with knowledge of the truth.

#### The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

- II Cor. 1:21-22 and Eph. 1:13-14 (Sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when we heard the word of truth and believed in him).
- Rom. 8:14-17- Bears witness if we walk in the word.

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Other subjects involving the Holy Spirit

- Intercession- Romans 8:26-27- According to the will of God.
- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit-
  - Matt. 12:31-32
  - To deny that the testimony of the H.S. about Christ is from God and thus refuse to obey it.

- Therefore, the Gift of the Holy Spirit was indeed the Holy Spirit complete with all the roles and operations he performed to bring men to salvation in Christ through the transmission and preservation of God's Word.
- The Holy Spirit does not today operate outside of the Word of God, which He inspired.
  - Because the word guides, convicts, saves, instructs, corrects, sanctifies, and blesses.