

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Jose Novella	21	Wally Dickinson
7	Michael Vittoria	22	Sharon Rose
19	April Owen	23	Jason Carr
19	Jessica Lowthorp	24	Tyler Roth



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4	Fred and Patti Smith
28	Rhianna and Ron Parnell

*Happy Anniversary!*

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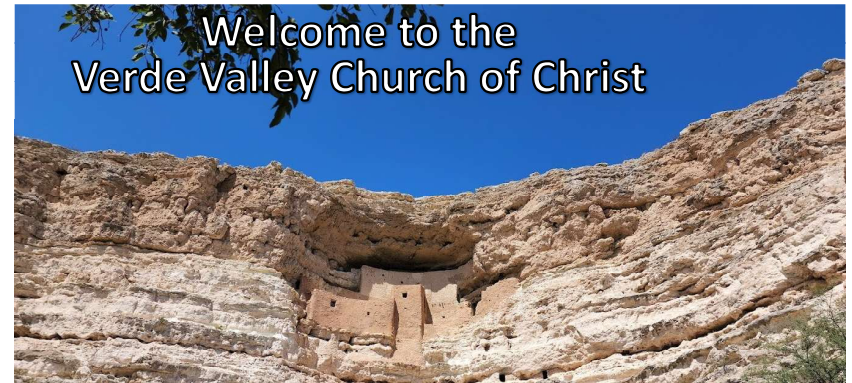
**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 21**

**SUNDAY AM: 56 SUNDAY PM: 17**

**WEDNESDAY: 21**

**OFFERING: \$1742**

**April 6, 2025**



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#### Sermon

**A Study of the Holy Spirit of God: Part 2**

### Gathering Times

**Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

**Sunday evening 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM**

## SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

A Study of the Holy Spirit of God: Part 2

The Holy Spirit is God, One of the Three Persons or Beings of God - The Father, The Word, and The Holy Spirit. He is called "God" in Acts 5:3-4, He is called eternal in Heb. 9:14 and He is described as omnipresent in Psalms 139:7-8

He has a distinct outward form and appearance which has been witnessed by mankind (Ezek. 1:26-28, Exo. 24:9-11) but **far more often** interacted with humanity by granting gifts to mankind. These can either be gifts from the Holy Spirit (i.e., powers/abilities), or it is the gift of the Holy Spirit (where He is the gift dwelling inside the person).

In the Old Testament, no person ever received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Only gifts **from** Him. He only would bestow such gifts "in" people, or "on" people, using this very specific language. We can think of humans like "a cup." When the Holy Spirit of God was moved to grant a gift to a person in the OT, He would either put that gift on them or fill them with the gift. We can understand Him placing a gift "on them" like a cup having a sticker put on the outside of it. Such occurrences would have language of Him "coming upon" or "falling upon" the person mightily as He empowered them (Jud. 15:14-15). He could also give a gift by "filling someone" with that divine gift, using that language (Exo. 31:1-5). This can be understood like a cup being filled with a liquid. **In either case, neither the Holy Spirit nor His gifts (whether "on the person" or "filling the person") were a part of that person.**

The way that the Holy Spirit interacts with people is different in the Christian age than in ages past in that Christians can now receive the gift **of** the Holy Spirit. This is because sins separate humanity from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Sins separate us from God, and sins were not **taken away** before Jesus died on the cross. Sins were **forgiven** under the previous covenants (Lev. 4:27-31, Mark 1:4) but they were not paid for justly, and thus could not be taken away until they were, because God is a God of Justice (Isa. 30:18). This is why two goats were sacrificed on the Day of Atonement under Judaism: one to forgive sins for Israel, and one to "carry those sins away" in Lev. 16:8-10. When Christ died, His blood did what animal's blood could not and effected eternal redemption (Heb. 10:1-4 & 9:11-12). People get added to the Church by God  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ◆ **Classes and sermons are available on Youtube.**  
**youtube@verdevalleychurchofchrist**
- ◆ **There is a children's bible study for ages 4 - 10 during the sermon.**  
Parents can pick up the kids after service in the classroom building.
- ◆ **Potluck fellowship** after morning worship service is on the 1st Sunday of the month - **Today is Potluck fellowship. Please join us for a fellowship meal.**
- ◆ **Family movie night—Family movie night is April 25 at 6:30**
- ◆ **Please note— Our church nursery is for women and babies only. Men, please respect our mothers and leave this area for them.**
- ◆ **Ladies Devotional—Saturday April 12th, 10:00am @the building.** Food will be provided. Save the Date: Saturday, May 17th will be a Mothers Day Brunch along with a Ladies Devotional. Food will be provided.
- ◆ **Opportunity to serve— If there are any ladies in the congregation interested in teaching children of all ages, please let the Elders know.** There will be a mandatory teachers meeting for the young children April 13th right after services.
- ◆ **Men's servant training—Immediately after worship April 27** There will be a short mandatory meeting for men that currently participate, or would like to begin participating, in our worship services and were unable to attend the meeting in March.

## PRAY FOR



**Diana Landers**  
**Kathie & Eddie Rose**  
**Jerry Harvey**  
**Wally Dickinson**

## SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES 4-6-25

### A Study of the Holy Spirit of God: Part 2 (cont)

after baptism (Acts 2:41,47), and the Church is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). All of the body has blood pumping through it all the time, and the blood of Christ cleanses us from sin, meaning those in His Body are cleansed all the time as long as they remain in the Body (1 John 1:5-7). Thus, Christians are constantly cleansed from sin which has been paid for and removed and can be in communion/proximity with God like no one else ever could.

This is why the Holy Spirit of God was prophesied to be poured out "in the last days" in Joel 2:28-32, which Peter quoted correctly (from the LXX) in Acts 2:17-21, referring to the sound of the violent wind that just happened in Acts 2:2. The word for "spirit" in Greek is "*pneuma*," a word which means "wind, breath, or spirit." Thus, the Holy **Spirit** arrived on earth when He could be in communion with those who had their sins taken away for the first time in history and it sounded like "wind" although there was none.

When He, the Holy Spirit, arrived He came to people in three different "measures" (John 3:34) in the Christian age: 1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (not a part of the person) 2. Gifts from the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the apostles' hands (not a part of the person) 3. The indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit (a part of the person)

1. Baptism in/by the Holy Spirit first talked about by JtB in Matt. 3:11-12, but only promised to one group of people ever - Jesus's apostles in John 14:16,17,26 & Luke 24:48-49. Promised in Acts 1:8 and arrived in Acts 2:1-4

-The only other people who ever received the baptism of/by the Holy Spirit were Cornelius and his family in Acts 10:28-48

2 & 3. *Will hope to cover next week.*