

Panel Discussion and Questions for Central Study Hour

Quarter Review and Lesson 12, "The Work of the Holy Spirit"

I. **Welcome and Introduction: Chris**

Briefly sum up several things that we learned this quarter about what the Holy Spirit does (Examples: gave us the Scriptures; convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment; changes us; enables holy living/sanctification; develops the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; gives us gifts for service; brings unity to the church; gives us peace, assurance, and hope).

II. **Highlights from the Whole Quarter – Questions for Discussion**

1. Of all the things that the Holy Spirit does, which one of these have you seen the most clearly in your life (explain it a bit)? **(Each pastor answer – 2 min each)**
2. What Bible verse about the Holy Spirit is the most important one to you (tell why)? **(Each pastor answer – 1-2 min each)**
3. Did you learn anything new, or see something more deeply, about the Holy Spirit in the lessons of this quarterly? **(1 min each) Michael and Mike**
4. Why is it so important to know that the Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Godhead and not simply a divine influence that comes from the Father or Jesus? **(2 min) Michael**

III. **Lesson 12, The Work of the Holy Spirit**

1. Sabbath Afternoon: (We'll deal with the memory text on Thursday's lesson) The Greek word for Holy Spirit is parakletos. **Question #1.** What does parakletos actually mean? **(20 sec) Fred**
2. Sunday's Lesson:
****Read John 16:7-9.**
Question #2. How does the context of this passage shed light on how the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin? **(2 min) Fred**
****Read Romans 2:1 and Matthew 7:3.**
Question #3. What light do these verses shed on our ability to convict another person of sin? **(2 min) Mike**
3. Monday's Lesson: John 16:8 said that the Comforter or Helper would not only convict us of sin, but He would also convict us of righteousness.
Question #4. Why do we need to be convicted of righteousness? **(1 min each) Michael and Mike**
****Read Romans 5:10.**
Question #5. How can we be saved by Christ's life as much or more than we are saved by His death on the cross? **(1-2 min) Fred**
****Read Hebrews 4:14-16.**
Question #6. How does Christ's high priestly role in the sanctuary in heaven shed light on being convicted of righteousness? – Or -- What role does His righteousness have in His intercession for us? **(2 min) Mike, (1 min) Michael**

Question #7. For Thought: Is our righteousness really as filthy rags? Do we really believe this? Just how much do we need Christ's righteousness? Does anyone want to comment?

(1 min) Mike

4. Tuesday's Lesson: John 16:8 said that the Comforter or Helper would also convict us of judgment. What is meant by that?

***Read John 16:11.*

Question #8. What judgment is Jesus referring to here, and why is this such good news?

(1-2 min) Michael

Question #9. If Satan is a defeated foe, why does 1 Peter 5:8-9 warn us that the devil goes about as a roaring lion? **(1 min) Mike**

Question #10. So, how can we "resist" the devil as it says in 1 Peter 5:9?

(1-2 min each) Mike and Fred

5. Wednesday's Lesson: Should we ever say or feel that we are irrevocably saved?

Question #11. Since we are capable of pushing aside the voice of the Holy Spirit to go our own way on any issue in life, how can we ever have assurance of salvation?

(Each pastor answer using designated Scripture – 1-2 min each)

Michael (1 John 5:12-13), **Mike** (Romans 8:15-17), **Fred** (2 Corinthians 5:5)

Question #12. How is assurance different from presumption?

(1 min each) Michael and Fred

Question #13. On what must assurance be based? **(1 min each) Fred and Mike**

The Bible talks of being sealed by the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

***Read Ephesians 1:13-14.*

Question #14. What does it mean to be sealed by the Holy Spirit?

(1-2 min) Who wants to try to answer this????

6. Thursday's Lesson:

***Read Romans 5:4-5.*

Question #15. What is the connection between love and hope? **(1 min) Michael**

We can see how Jesus dying for us gave us hope, but how is hope put within us? ***Read Romans 15:13* (our memory text).

Question #16. How is hope put within us? **(30 sec) Fred**

***Read Psalm 31:24.*

Question #17. According to this verse, what effect does hope have on us? **(30 sec) Mike**

7. Conclusion:

Question #18. Upon what is our hope as Seventh-day Adventists based? **(1 min) Mike**

Question #19. What the ultimate goal and purpose of the Holy Spirit? **(Answer as time allows)**

What could any of us do without the Holy Spirit?