

The Timing of the Spirit
Joel 2:28-32; Jn.7:25-31, 37-39

0.0 Introduction – final summer topical request: a heavenly glimpse

1.0 The Covenant of Redemption

1.1 Agreement between the three Persons of God (Father, Son, Spirit; Eph.1:4-5)

1.2 Emphasize Father's sending of Son as Mediator & Redeemer (vv.28-29)

1.3 Voluntary cooperation between three Divine Persons, in all respects

2.0 Enter the Spirit

2.1 The Spirit of God *is* God, and a distinct Person (triunity)

2.2 Co-eternal with Father & Son – yet Spirit is different

2.3 Active in Creation (Gen.1:2) & extraordinary empowerment (e.g. Jud.3:10; 14:6)

2.4 Shadows of things to come (Joel 2:28-32)

3.0 Jesus and the Holy Spirit

3.1 Coming upon him 'as a dove' (Matt.3:16)

3.2 Empowering his ministry: sending into desert (Lk.4:1)

3.3 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Lk.4:18)

3.4 "The Father gives his Spirit" Lk.11:13)

3.5 "The Spirit of truth" who "proceeds from the Father" (Jn.14:17; 15:26; 16:13)

3.6 "As yet, the Spirit had not been given" (Jn.7:39):

4.0 The Importance of This for Us Today

We are opening profound & glorious mysteries (we understand in part – I Cor.13:9-10)

Next Week (Sept. 5) – Fall Sermon Series - 'Minority Reports'