

LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The adventure of a lifetime

Who do we listen to?

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Pentecost

*In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do... he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised... baptized with the **Holy Spirit**... But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:1-8*

- Teacher of truth

*"the **Spirit of truth**... But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you **all things** and will remind you of **everything** I have said to you. Peace I leave with you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:17, 26, 27*

- Leads us to Jesus and to proclaim Jesus

*"... whom I will send to you... —the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will **testify about me**." John 15:26*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses**... to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

- Transform our character

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control... Galatians 5:22-23

"... so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23

Learning to listen

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

- Something we learn

[Paul:] "Who are you, Lord?"

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10

- It is Spirit to spirit

*The **Spirit** himself testifies with **our spirit** that we are God's children. Romans 8:16*

- Cost of not listening

*"We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me... 'why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against **the goads**.'" Acts 26:14*

- His surprising voice

1 Kings 19

... "Be still, and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

... he leads me beside quiet waters. Psalm 23:2

The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Listen: let go of your inadequacies

"'Lord'...'these people know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you. And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval...' Then the Lord said to me..." Acts 22:19-21