

THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

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- A. The Spirit was active under the Old Dispensation in all the modes of His activity under the New Dispensation²
 - 1. The Spirit inspired prophets and writers (2 Pet 1:21)
 - 2. The Spirit authored the ritual service of the sanctuary (Heb 9:8)
 - 3. The Spirit lead Israel in the wilderness (Acts 7:51)
 - 4. The Spirit preached Christ to the antediluvians (1 Pet 3:18,19)
 - 5. The Spirit was the author of faith (2 Cor. 4:13)

- B. In the New Dispensation the Spirit was given (John 7:39; 16:7; 20:22; Acts 2)
 - 1. The Spirit is poured out upon all flesh
 - 2. The Spirit administers the God's kingdom (inward vs. outward)
 - 3. The Spirit works with a more prevailing force

“Or to use a figure of Isaiah’s, during all those dark ages the Kingdom of God, confined to Israel, was like a pent-in stream. The Spirit of God was its life, its principle, during all the ages; it was He that kept it pent-in. Now the Kingdom of God is like that pent-in stream with the barriers broken down and the Spirit of God driving it.”

¹ B.B. Warfield, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit* (Calvary Press Publishing, Amityville, New York, 1997), pp. 23-29.

² Warfield doesn't bring this up, but it also seems evident from Psalm 51:10-12 that the Spirit dwelled within the believer.