

Do You Know the Holy Spirit?

Lesson Two: Jesus Christ in the Power of the Spirit

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Introduction: The “Teamwork” of the Triune God.

- A. The Godhead or “Triune God” works together to accomplish their work.
 - 1. Creation (**Gen. 1:1-3, 26; Ps. 104:24, 30; Col. 1:13-17; Heb. 1:2**).
 - 2. Revelation (**Eph. 3:1-5; 1 Cor. 2:6-13; John 12:49; 16:13-15**)
 - 3. Salvation (**Mat. 28:19; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 1:1b-2**).
- B. Such “teamwork” is evident throughout the life, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Just as God the Father was with Jesus throughout His life (**John 8:16, 29; 14:10; 16:32**), so was the Holy Spirit (**Luke 1:35; 4:1; John 1:32**).
 - 2. In complete unity with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ fulfilled His ministry and accomplished His mission to be our Savior!

I. The Holy Spirit and the Birth of Jesus.

- A. As prophesied by the prophet Isaiah, the Messiah or “Immanuel” would be born of a virgin woman (**Isaiah 7:14; cf. Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4**).
- B. The miraculous conception of Jesus was given by the power of God through the agency of the Holy Spirit (**Luke 1:26-38; cf. Mat. 1:18-25**).
 - 1. “The power of the Most High” (God) or “Holy Spirit” directly created the *body* for the Messiah, working within the virgin Mary (**Luke 1:35**).
 - a. That which was “conceived in her” was of the Holy Spirit (**Mat. 1:20**), a *miraculous* conception.
 - b. A body originally prepared by God the Father (**Heb. 10:5**).
 - 2. For this reason, “the holy offspring” was also called “the Son of God” (**Luke 1:35**): *God manifested in the flesh* (**1 Tim. 3:16; cf. John 1:14**).
 - 3. The human nature of Jesus (the body) was created, *not* the Divine Nature (God the Son) who has always been with God from the beginning.
 - a. The Son has always been in existence, for He is the Eternal “I AM” (**Jn 1:1-2; 8:24, 58; cf. Ex. 3:14; Rev. 1:8, 17; 21:6; 22:13**).

II. The Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Jesus.

- A. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism (**Mat. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:28-34**).
 - 1. The Spirit of God appeared in bodily form like a dove (**Luke 3:22**) and descended upon Jesus in the same manner as a dove would (**Mat. 3:16**).
 - a. The dove was a symbol of purity and innocence in ancient times (e.g., **Song 6:9; Mat. 10:16**).
 - 2. This was the appointed method that Jesus was revealed to be the Messiah, the Son of God (**John 1:28-34; Isa. 61:1; 11:2; Luke 4:17-18**).
 - 3. The Holy Spirit and God the Father testifying of Jesus’ Divine nature as the Son of God was essential to the beginning of the Messiah’s ministry.
- B. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power (**Acts 10:38**).
 - 1. To commence the beginning of His ministry as Messiah or the Christ, Jesus was publicly anointed with the Holy Spirit (**Luke 3:21-23**).

2. Afterwards, Jesus was “*full of the Holy Spirit*” (**Luke 4:1**).
 - a. Jesus was given the Holy Spirit without measure or limit (**John 3:34-35**), unlike all other apostles or prophets in the Spirit.

III. The Holy Spirit and the Temptation of Jesus.

- A. Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness (**Mat. 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1**).
 1. Immediately after His baptism, the Spirit drove (compelled, urged, sent) Jesus into the wilderness where there was wild beasts (**Mark 1:12-13**).
- B. Full of the Spirit, Jesus the Son of God confronts Satan, the tempter.
 1. The first battle that Jesus would fight as the Holy Spirit’s anointed would be a battle against the devil himself!
 - a. Jesus victoriously overcame each temptation of the devil by quoting Spirit-inspired Scripture (**Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13**).
 2. Triumphantly, Jesus returned “*in the power of the Spirit*” (**Luke 4:14**).

IV. The Holy Spirit and the Ministry of Jesus.

- A. Anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel (**Isa. 61:1-2**)
 1. The Spirit of the Lord God would be upon the *true* Messiah.
 2. Jesus proclaimed that He fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy! (**Luke 4:14-21**)
- B. Preaching by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 1. Just as the teaching of Jesus came from the Father (**John 12:49**), so did Jesus teach by the power the Holy Spirit (**Mat. 12:17-21; cf. Isa. 42:1-4**).
 2. Jesus speaking the words of God has a *direct* connection to the power of the Holy Spirit given to Him (**John 3:34-35**).
- C. Performing miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 1. Only until Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power (**Acts 10:38; cf. Luke 3:22; 4:1; John 3:34**) did Jesus begin to work miracles.
 2. Jesus attributed His ability to cast out demons by the power of the Spirit of God or “*the finger of God*” (**Mat. 12:28; Luke 11:20; cf. Ex. 31:18**).
- D. These truths do not take away from Jesus’ deity (**Col. 2:9**), but demonstrate the complete unity and “teamwork” of the Godhead in the ministry of Christ.
 1. There is perfect unity of the Father and the Son (**John 17:21-22**), just as there is perfect unity between the Son and the Holy Spirit (**Jn. 16:13-15**).

V. The Holy Spirit and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

- A. When Jesus delivered Himself up to the cross; He did so through the Spirit.
 1. Just as Jesus submitted to the lead of the Spirit into the wilderness (**Lk. 4:1**), so did Jesus “*through the Eternal Spirit offer Himself*” (**Heb 9:14**).
- B. The Holy Spirit fulfilled a major role in the resurrected life of Jesus!
 1. The resurrection of Christ was achieved by the power of the Spirit, the *same* power that will raise Christians from the dead (**Rom. 8:11; cf. 8:2**).
 2. Jesus’ instructions to His apostles after His resurrection were given by the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:2**).
 3. The Holy Spirit glorified Christ when the apostles preached the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit (**John 16:14; Acts 2:1-4ff.**).
 4. The Spirit bore witness of the death and resurrection of Jesus (**Ac 5:32**).

Conclusion: In Every Respect, the Holy Spirit was with Jesus Christ, Who Together in Perfect Unity and Harmony Carried Out the Will of the Heavenly Father.