

## 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**).

### 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 without measure or limit (**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.**