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Title: Behold the Dove

Text: Various:

- Matthew 3:16: “and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.”
- Mark 1:10: “the Spirit descending on him like a dove.”
- Luke 3:22: “and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove.”
- John 1:32: “And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it (remained) on him.”

Target: To experience for ourselves the person of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

I. The Revelation of the Holy Spirit in Christ: Key Word: “Remained”

- A. Conceived by the Spirit: “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:18)
- B. Identified by the Spirit: “And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.” (Luke 2:26)
- C. Appointed by the Spirit: *importance of the Dove
 1. Genesis 8: The Flood
 2. Matthew 12:40: Jonah in the whale 3 days/nights.
- D. Directed by the Spirit: “And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness” (Luke 4:1)
- E. Empowered by the Spirit: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,” (Isaiah 61:1/Luke 4:21)
- F. Resurrected by the Spirit: “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus[a] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11)
- G. Breathed out the Holy Spirit: “And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:22)

II. The Role of Holy Spirit in You: Key Word: “Resides” (1 Corinthians 6:19)

- A. He Saves you: “born of the Spirit”-John 3:5 “renewal of the Holy Spirit” - Titus 3:5
- B. He Seals you: “sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”- Ephesians 1:13
- C. He Sanctifies you: “sanctified by the Holy Spirit”- Romans 15:16
 1. Clarifies Scripture: “He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you”- John 14:26
 2. Convicts of Sin: “he will convict the world concerning sin”- John 16:8
 3. Confirms our Steps: “if we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step by the Spirit Galatians 5:25
 4. Comforts in Sorrow: “He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever”- John 14:16
- D. He Strengthens you: “But you will receive power when they Holy has come upon you” - Acts 1:8
 1. Equips w/ Spiritual Gifts: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4,11
 2. Enables Spiritual Growth: “walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh...but the fruit of the Spirit.” Galatians 5:16,22

Take Away: In Jesus name is more than an ending to a prayer, but pursuit of a living life on heavenly purpose.