

WOMEN IN THE WORD OF FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED Exploring the Father's Promise to Believers

Scripture Reference Notes for Lesson FOUR

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Our growing understanding of the Person of the Holy Spirit through our study of the Trinity and His attributes and His work in the Old Testament has brought us to talking about how the Holy Spirit was present and active in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ while he was here on earth.

Charles Ryrie stated, "It might seem surprising to realize how much the Holy Spirit was involved in the earthly ministry of our Lord. But when all the relevant scriptures are examined, it becomes obvious that the Spirit had important ministries during our Lord's first coming."

The perfect unity of the Trinity is seen in the inseparable relationship between God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. At every stage of Jesus' life and ministry we see the presence and power of the Holy Spirit working the will of the Father through the Son.

HOLY SPIRIT IN PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH

Isaiah 11:1-4---Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 61:1-3--The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 42:1-3---"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. "He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

I Peter 10:10-11---As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

HOLY SPIRIT IN THE "FORERUNNER'S" LIFE (John the Baptist)

Luke 1:13-17---But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

When John grew up and began preparing people for the arrival of Jesus, he spoke of Jesus as One who would baptize repentant people "with the Holy Spirit and fire" according to Matthew 3:11.

The HOLY SPIRIT was also working in the lives of John's parents.

Luke 1:41-42--When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luke 1:67-80---And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant--As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare his ways; To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

HOLY SPIRIT IN THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST (His birth)

Luke 1:30-35---The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

Matthew 1:18---Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

John 8:23---And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world."

HOLY SPIRIT AT JESUS' CIRCUMCISION

Luke 2:21-31---And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 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. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

HOLY SPIRIT AT JESUS' BAPTISM

Matthew 3:13-17---Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:9-11---In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:21-22---Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

HOLY SPIRIT AT JESUS' TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1---Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Mark 1:12-13---Immediately the Spirit impelled Him [to go] out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

HOLY SPIRIT IN JESUS' MINISTRY

Luke 4:14-15---And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

Luke 4:17-18---And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,
"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

Acts 10:38---"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Sending the disciples out two by two:

Matthew 10:16-20--"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

"But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

"But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say.

"For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

HOLY SPIRIT AT JESUS' DEATH

Matthew 27:50--And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His Spirit.

Luke 23:46--And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

John 19:30--Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.

Hebrews 9:13-14---For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

HOLY SPIRIT IN THE RESURRECTION

Romans 1:4-- Paul says... "who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,"

Romans 8:11---But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

I Peter 3:18---For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT IN INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS FOLLOWERS

John 20:20-22---And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:18-20---And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Luke 24:49---And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:1-8--The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

We surely must see that it is impossible to talk about the birth, life, death, resurrection, and future plans of Jesus without also talking about the Holy Spirit.

SO WHAT?

I don't think there is any better way to see how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives than to do what we just did and by examining the Word to see what He did in the life and ministry of Jesus.

In Tim Sanford's thesis on the Holy Spirit, he says: "It is important to understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. To be ignorant of Him and His work results in a lack of real godly power being demonstrated in the believer's life. As we grow in this understanding, we will find ourselves more and more dependent upon Him and growing in sensitivity to Him."

After all, this Holy Spirit lives in us.....

Romans 8:11--But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Our Memory Verse:

II CORINTHIANS 13:14--The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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LESSON FOUR

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1---The Holy Spirit prophesied of the coming of the Messiah.
Read the following verses and note the prophesies and fulfillment.

Isaiah 11:2-3

Isaiah 42:1

Matthew 12:18-21

2---John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. They were cousins.
John was referred to in Scripture as the “voice crying in the wilderness”.

What does Luke 1:15-17 indicate about John's ministry?

3---How did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself through Elizabeth and
Zachariah (John's parents) from the following verses, Luke 1:41, 1:67

4---What was the Holy Spirit's role in Jesus' conception. Luke 1:35, Matt
1:18-20.

Does this amaze you when you think of it?

5---The Holy Spirit showed up at the baptism of Jesus by John.

Matt 3:16, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22. What form did the Holy Spirit take at this event?

Identify the presence of all three Persons of the Trinity at the baptism telling what Each One was doing/saying?

6---After Jesus' baptism and before he started His earthly ministry, He faced satan one on one in the wilderness.

Scripture says the Holy Spirit "led" Jesus into the wilderness. See verses:
Luke 4:1

Matt 4:1

Mark 1:12.

What do you see as the significance to this?

Was the Holy Spirit present with Jesus during the next 40 days?

How do you know this?

7---How do the following verses assure us that the Holy Spirit was present during Jesus' ministry?

Luke 4:14

Luke 18, 21

Luke 10:21

Scripture tells us that Jesus went away often to pray and be alone with the Father. Although it is not specifically stated it is logical to assume the Holy Spirit was with Him as well during these times of deep communication with God.

8---At the end of Jesus' early life the Holy Spirit was present with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemene when He was praying. He was with Jesus on the cross. Jesus said to the Father, "into your hands I commit my Spirit". (John 19:30, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, Matt 27:50). Once again this bears out the unity of the Trinity in these monumental events of the life of Christ. How is it born out in the following verse?

Hebrews 9:14

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9—Then there was the resurrection. Read the following verses and comment on the activities of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:4

Romans 8:11

Acts 1:1-2

I Peter 3:18

