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The Life-Giving Power of God the Spirit

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Genesis 1:26 ²⁶*Then God said, “Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness...”*

Job 33:4 *The **Spirit of God** has made me, and the breathe of the Almighty gives me **life**.*

- The Spirit of God gives _____.
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NEW TESTAMENT:

The Spirit of God ministered to Jesus, the God-Man.

Luke 1:35 *And the angel answered her, “The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the **power** of the **Most High** will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God.*

- The Spirit was involved in His _____ and virgin birth.

Luke 4:17-18 *And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, The **Spirit of the Lord** was upon me, because he has **anointed** me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.*

- The Spirit _____ Jesus to preach, to heal and to set the people free.

Matt.12:28 *But if it is by the **Spirit of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

- The Spirit _____ Jesus to cast out demons.

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

- The Spirit _____ Jesus.

Heb. 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who **through the eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish to God, ...

- The Spirit _____ Jesus in offering Himself up for crucifixion.

Romans 8:11 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.

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Do you see the power of the Spirit in the life of Jesus?!

If Christ in His humanity submitted Himself in dependence upon the Spirit, how much more do we (with a sin nature) need to do the same?

AN AMAZING PROMISE:

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees **him** nor knows **him**. You know **him**, for **he** dwells with you and will be in you.

“Another Helper” is translated from the Greek phrase *állon paraklēton* which means another of the same kind, the same essence as Jesus, who will take His place and do His work in and through the believer.

The Greek word *paraclete* is also translated Comforter, Counselor and Advocate.

John 14:16, 15:26 and 16:7

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

The English word “power” is translated from the Greek word *dynamis*. It means ability, mighty work, miraculous power, strength, force, abundance.

Just as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost. The disciples *did* receive miraculous power when He came. They went on to be Christ’s bold and courageous witnesses “in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The Church Age had begun and continues today!

IMPLICATIONS FOR US TODAY:

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that **by the power of the Holy Spirit** you may abound in hope.*

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