

Meet the Holy Spirit #5

The Holy Spirit and Jesus

Introduction:

1. We have learned that the HS is a person - a member of the trinity – the One who inspired the Bible
2. Tonight we look at the Holy Spirit and Jesus
3. Since Jesus was the 2nd member of the trinity, we might think that He did not need the Holy Spirit
 - a. We think of the Holy Spirit coming after the time of Christ
 - b. We don't realize that the Holy Spirit was instrumental in the life and ministry of Jesus
 - c. "While the interaction between the persons of the Trinity must always be incomprehensible, yet the relation of God's Spirit to our incarnate Lord is especially shrouded in mystery. The Savior was both God and man, weary yet omnipotent, ignorant yet omniscient, capable of growth yet perfect. The Savior was self-sufficient as God, yet in His humiliation He needed the anointing of the Spirit. Let us then not grieve that all is not comprehensible but rather rejoice in the mystery of godliness."
4. We must remember that Jesus laid aside the independent exercise of some of his divine attributes when He became man – He needed the Holy Spirit

I. Christ was Born of the Holy Spirit

A. How Could Mary Have a Child? – Lu 4:34-35

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

1. Gabriel showed up and told Mary that she would have a son
 - a) *She would call his name Jesus and He would be great*
 - b) *He would be called the Son of the Highest and He would sit on the throne of David*
2. She asked how this could be since she had not known a man
3. Gabriel explained that the HS would overshadow Mary and a baby would be conceived in her

4. God worked with Joseph also – Matt 1:18, 20
 - a) *18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*
 - b) *20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

B. How Could Mary Have a Sinless Child?

1. Jesus would have to be sinless in order to die for us
2. This required a special birth involving the Holy Spirit
3. The result of the virgin birth was a sinless Savior
 - a) *2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
 - b) *Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*
 - c) *Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*
 - d) *1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*
 - e) *1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

II. Christ was Anointed with the Holy Spirit

A. Prophecy Predicted This Anointing

1. *Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*
2. **Isa 61:1** *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;*
 - a) *When Jesus entered Nazareth he read this Scripture in the synagogue*
 - b) *Then Jesus said that it had been fulfilled in their ears*

3. **Lu 4:17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **18** The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **20** And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

B. He Was Anointed to Begin His Ministry – Matt 3:16

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

1. The names “Christ” and “Messiah” mean anointed
2. The Lord’s anointing enabled Him to be like us
 - a) *Christ came to take on our nature*
 - b) *As we are dependent on the Holy Spirit for service, so Christ likewise served God through the power of the Spirit*

C. Acts Confirms This Anointing – Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

D. Christ Was Led of the Spirit – Lu 4:1-2

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

E. Jesus’ Miraculous Works were Performed in the Power of the Holy Spirit

1. **Mt 12:28** But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
 - a) *In most instances the Savior does not mention the Holy Spirit when casting out demons*
 - b) *I think that we can assume that the other marvelous works of Christ are also done by the Spirit*

2. **Lu 4:14** And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. **15** And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. **18** The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
 - a) *Recovering of sight to the blind is miraculous*
 - b) *Setting at liberty those who are bruised is miraculous*
 - c) *Those will be accomplished because the Spirit was upon the Master*

III. Christ's Death and the Holy Spirit

A. Christ Offered Himself Through the Spirit

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

B. Christ Was Raised by the Spirit

1. 1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
2. Ro 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
3. Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Conclusion:

1. If the Son needed the Spirit, then how much more do we need Him in our lives?