

# The Holy Spirit and Jesus

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Scripture References – Luke 3:21-22, 4:1, 13-21, 12:11-12, 24:49-51; John 3:27-28, 34-35, 14:15-17, 26, 15:26-27, 16:12-14; Acts 1:4-5, 8, 11:15-16

**Unit Theme:** The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

**Central Truth:** The Holy Spirit enabled Jesus for His mission.

**Focus:** Assess and respond to the truths Jesus revealed about the Holy Spirit.

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

## Introduction:

So far in our study of the Holy Spirit we have learned that He is God the Holy Spirit, the creator, life sustainer and enabler. Remove Him from creation and creation would not exist, remove Him from our lives and we would not exist. Regardless of one's belief (atheist, agnostic or believer), the influence of the Holy Spirit cannot be removed. He has always been and will always be working in the lives of people throughout the generations to come. What we have to do is recognize His work and surrender to His plan for our lives. Jesus led a life that reflected the impact, roll and power the Holy Spirit desires to have in your life. Just as Jesus was empowered by the Spirit so too can you be empowered, He has given us all the knowledge we need to understand the Spirit's place in our lives. Furthermore, He promised to send and subsequently sent the Holy Spirit so that we too could be more than conquerors just as He was. While we await His promised return, let us walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit as He empowers us to live an abundant life in Christ.

## I. Jesus Was Spirit Empowered – Luke 3:21-22, 4:1, 13-21; John 3:27-28, 34-35

To say that the Holy Spirit had a significant role in the life of Christ would be an understatement. The Holy Spirit had the lead in the life of Christ. It was the Holy Spirit not men who empowered Jesus, His wisdom was not from or of this world, but was directly from the Holy Spirit. It is clear that upon His water baptism He was also submersed in the Holy Spirit and from that day forward He began His public ministry. There are many that hear the call of God on their lives today, but few there are that let the Holy Spirit equip and empower them for service. Jesus recognized the purpose of the Holy Spirit – to do God's work in ministering as Isaiah described many years before. Any ministry/work that is not involved in the details of the Lord's proclamation (Luke 4:18-21) is not a ministry of the Lord. Just as the Holy Spirit led Jesus, He stands with heartfelt desire to lead us, for the Lord gives the Spirit without measure. How much of His influence and power have we let in? Whether we admit it or not, the answer is revealed in the wake of our lives.

➤ **Note Taker:** Why did Jesus need to be led by the Spirit?


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### II. Jesus Taught About the Spirit – John 14:26, 15:26-27; Luke 12:11-12; Acts 1:8; John 16:12-14

Jesus not only promised to send us the Holy Spirit, He promised that He would be our Helper. Anyone that does not recognize their dire need for the help of the Holy Spirit in their lives is deceived. Jesus didn't send the Holy Spirit into the world just because He could, He sent Him to be our helper. Furthermore, the Spirit bears witness of Christ and empowers us to do the same. The Spirit will lead us into all truth by convicting of sin and righteousness and deepening our relationship with Christ. Just as Jesus was filled with power after the Holy Spirit came upon Him we too are filled with power after the Holy Spirit comes on us and we suddenly become more like Jesus. If we lack power or evidence of the Spirit from our lives it is not because God has given us a smaller portion (He gives the Spirit without measure), it's because we have limited the Spirit's influence in our lives. What we have is what we want, the more we want the more we get, the more we get the more we testify about Christ.

➤ **Note Taker:** Why is the Holy Spirit called the "Spirit of Truth"?


### III. Jesus Promised the Spirit – John 14:15-17, Luke 24:49-51; Acts 1:4-5; 11:15-16

The term baptism of the Holy Spirit has been hotly debated over the years, but for no reason. Unless one removes or discounts several scriptures, there simply is nothing to debate. Of course, the devil would like nothing more than to limit the Christians power to witness and since this is the primary purpose of the Spirit he will do whatever he can to deceive the hearts and minds of men concerning the Holy Spirit. According the scripture there is no doubt that when one receives Christ they also receive the Spirit for without the Spirit one cannot receive Christ. However, there is clearly a subsequent work that the Lord wants to do in our lives through the Holy Spirit. Again it is clear that this was the standard set forth in scripture. John 20:22 records that Jesus breathed on the Disciples and they received the Holy Spirit, then He later commanded them, to go and tarry for the Holy Spirit. It is interesting to note that their lives and ministry exploded not at the first experience, but at the second. This promise is for us too as Peter so boldly declared in Acts 2:39. What we have to do is determine to seek His presence and subsequently let Him take control of every aspect of our lives. If we do our lives become a living testimony to the power of Christ living in us.

➤ **Note Taker:** What was Jesus' parting command to His disciples and how does it apply to us?


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## **Conclusion:**

One thing I have noted in my own life is there is always room for more of the Spirit. It is easy to be overcome with the cares of life and lose focus on our divine purpose – to glorify and testify of Christ. If we are not careful and perceptive we can spend our entire life working for Christ and miss the power and equipping of the Holy Ghost. Since He is given without measure, why do we restrain Him? Let's determine to give Him full control of our lives and see what happens. He is not to be debated, His work is not to be questioned, and His power is not to be doubted, these are age old tricks of the devil. Finally, He is not copyrighted by the Church of God, Assemblies of God, or any other Pentecostal denomination. He is available to all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and has empowered people of every race and denomination. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is a Christian doctrine not made up by theologians, but given to us by the master teacher himself – Jesus. His work has not ceased, nor will it ever, but will continue throughout eternity. I don't know about you, but I would sure like to be involved in anything He is doing.

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