

18 – THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS NATURE AND WORK - PART 2

I. His Relationship to Jesus Christ

- The Holy Spirit was active in the life of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Luke 1:35 (ESV)

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.

- Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at his baptism.

Scripture Matthew 3:16 (ESV)

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

- God the Father gave the Holy Spirit without measure to equip Jesus.

Scripture John 3:34 (ESV)

For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

- It was through the Holy Spirit that Jesus performed his miracles.

Scripture Matthew 12:28 (ESV)

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

- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be his replacement after he ascended to God the Father.

Scripture John 14:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

II. The Holy Spirit and Believers

A. At Salvation

1. He Regenerates

- It is through the ministry of the Holy Spirit that a person is born again.

Scripture John 6:63 (ESV)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

2. He Indwells

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- Closely related to the believer's regeneration is the fact that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer.

Scripture John 14:17 (ESV)

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.

3. He Baptizes

- Jesus Christ baptizes believers with the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

4. He Seals

- God seals the believer with the Holy Spirit to ensure their salvation.

Scripture Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

B. The Continuing Work of the Holy Spirit

1. He Fills

- During the life of a believer, he needs to “be filled” or controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

2. He Guides

- The believer is commanded to walk in the spirit and to be guided by him.

Scripture Galatians 5:25 (ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.