

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CHRIST

This all has special reference to Christ as a man. As such, Christ's life on earth becomes the pattern for the life of every believer.

1. Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35; cf. Gal. 1:4).

The incarnation was made possible by the Holy Spirit.

So our life originates as the children of God by the Spirit. We are born of the Spirit.

2. Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism (Matt. 4:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21, 22; 4:16-21; John 1:32, 33). He was not baptized by the Holy Spirit, as Dr. Scofield suggests.

It is following this that Luke (4:1) speaks of the Lord as "being full of the Holy Spirit" and as being "led by the Spirit into the wilderness".

The object of this is described under #4.

Cf. 1 John 2:20, 27; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22 for the significance of the anointing.

3. Christ's temptation, or testing, was under the direction and supervision of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 4:1; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1, 2).

Why was Christ tested? The answer will be discovered in noticing who it was who tested Him. It seems apparent that Satan was seeking to find out what effect the humanity of Christ had had upon His deity. Christ was in a very real sense "a new creature".

This, also, is one reason for the testing of Christians as illustrated, e.g., by the overcomers in Rev. 2, 3. The Holy Spirit is very prominent in the book of the Revelation in relation to the people of God (Rev. 1:10; 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 11:11; 14:13; 22:17).

4. Christ lived and worked on earth in dependence upon the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:28; cf. Luke 4:16-21).

This was all made possible as a result of the anointing.

For believers--"Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16).

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5. Christ offered Himself in death through the Holy Spirit (Heb. 9:14).

The Spirit and the spotlessness of Christ are here related to each other. This is testimony as to the sinlessness of Christ at His death.

Also, this shows the only acceptable way in which service may be rendered to God. Cf. Zech. 4:6.

6. The Holy Spirit had an active part in the resurrection of Christ (1 Pet. 3:18). See also Rom. 8:11.

The life of Christ in the believer now is a resurrection life, and therefore Romans 8 is of particular importance in relating #6 to the life of the believer today.

HOLY SPIRIT AND BELIEVERS

I. IN O.T.

A. DEFINED: JOHN 14:16, 17

"WITH" - O.T.; "IN" - N.T. Also -
LUKE 11:13.

B. ILLUSTRATED:

1. SAUL (1 SAM. 16:14a). Cf. Judges
16:20 which is probably the
same.

2. DAVID (Psa. 51:11b).

II. SPECIAL DISPENSATION: JOHN 20:
22, 23. Cf. JOHN 7:39.

III. THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. PROMISED: ACTS 1:5.

B. REALIZED: ACTS 2:1-4.

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN INDWELL,
BAPTIZED, AND FILLED.

COULD IT BE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT
WAS GIVEN IN JN. 20, BUT THAT HE
BAPTIZED & FILLED IN ACTS 2?

C. OBJECT: TWOFOLD

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| 1. THE WORD - TEACHER | } INSEPARABLE |
| 2. CHRIST - REVEALER | |

PASSAGES IN JN. 14, 15, 16.