

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me

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Introduction: The Holy Spirit was involved in the life of Jesus from the beginning. There is nothing that Jesus did without the assistance or the direction of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was with Jesus from birth, throughout His ministry, death, resurrection and the ascension. There was never a time when the Holy Spirit was not involved in the life of Jesus. The life of Jesus serves as an example for Christians everywhere of how He operates in the life of Christians.

Spiritual Birth: Luke 1:35-37

- Holy Spirit will come upon you
- Holy Spirit will overshadow you
- Holy Child
- Called the Son of God (Nothing impossible with God)

Elizabeth encounter with the Holy Spirit Luke 1:36; 2:39-45

- Old age
- Barren for years
- Sixth month pregnant
- Baby leaped in her womb
- Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit (Nothing impossible with God)

The Temptation of Jesus Luke 4: 1-12

- Spirit led to the wilderness
- 40 days tempted by the devil
- Hungry

Satanic If's

- If You are the Son of God, tell these stone to become bread
- If You worship before me, it shall be Yours
- If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here

Spiritual weapons

- Holy Spirit

- Word of God
- Don't allow flesh, pride, prosperity to lose your focus on the Lord

Understanding the Holy Spirit

- Unorthodox methods
- Purpose for the method of the Holy Spirit
- We may not understand why the Lord is moving in such a way
- May not understand what the Lord is doing
- May not understand how He is going to fulfill His promise to us
- Christians job to trust the Lord
- Christians job to walk in obedience to His Word or His directions

Reasons for an unorthodox move of the Spirit

- Spiritual maturation
- Preparation for the work or calling on your life

Jesus public ministry Luke 4: 14-21

- Spirit led to Galilee
- Teaching in the Synagogues
- Synagogue in Nazareth
- Read from the Prophet Isaiah

Spirit led purpose

- God's Spirit is with Me
- Anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor
- Sent Me to proclaim release to the captives
- Recovery of sight to the blind
- Set free the oppressed
- To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

Theological Applications

- God has a purpose for your life

- Christian cannot fulfill that purpose unless it is Spirit led
- God given gift means you have been anointed by the Lord
- God has sent all Christians to do a work
- God does not call you to be a bench member or a book on the shelf (Football)
- If your gift is God given then it should be a blessing to someone else
- God given gift is designed to reach people in need of Him
- God is concerning about people who are in need

Healing of the paralyzed man Luke 5: 17- 25

- Paralyzed man on the bed
- Paralyzed man friends
- Crowd
- Jesus
- Power of the Lord

Theological Applications

- Need some friends that believe in the power of the Lord
- Need friends that are determined to take your problems to Jesus
- Need friends who are determined to get you in touch with the power of the Lord (prayer, Word)
- God has power to heal both spiritual and physical paralysis
- Christians need to be at a place where the power of the Lord is present

Jesus Teachings/ Promises on the Holy Spirit: John 14: 16-17; 15:26-27; 16: 7-15

- Helper/ Paraclete
- Helper is with us forever
- Spirit of Truth only for Christians
- Unrighteous cannot receive or understand the Holy Spirit
- Indwelling power for Christians
- Sent from the Father

- Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus
- Believers will testify also

Worldly need for the Holy Spirit

- Sin problem
- Conviction of sin
- Ignorance of Him

Christians need for the Holy Spirit

- Deeply need the Helper
- Direct us towards righteousness
- Guidance into all truth
- Present Help and Future Help

Crucifixion: Matthew 27:50-54

- Jesus died on the cross
- Veil of temple torn top to bottom
- Earth shook and rocks split
- Tombs opened
- Saints raised
- After His resurrection entered the Holy City
- Centurion confession of the Son of God

Theological Points

- Demonstration of God's Spirit at work
- God's Spirit was in full control at the Cross
- Nothing happened outside of the control of the Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit showed us that He was not just a man
- Earth recognized the power of the Lord
- The grave recognized the power of the Lord
- Sinners recognized the power of the Lord

- Veil of the temple recognized the power of the Lord
- This was not an ordinary crucifixion because the power of the Lord

Spiritual Example of Jesus: Acts 1:1-3

- An account of Jesus
- Life and Teachings
- Until He was taken up into heaven
- Spiritual directions to the apostles (chosen people)
- Alive after suffering
- Word Fulfilled
- Preaching/Teaching the Kingdom of God

Theological Expressions

- Example of a spiritual walk
- Daily example of waking in holiness
- Shared the truth through teachings
- Christians should not move without getting directions from the Holy Spirit
- Life after suffering
- Spirit constantly shows us that His Word is true
- Christians job to share the Gospel to the world