

# *Come Holy Spirit, We Need You!*

## The Holy Spirit's Working in the Son of God Part 2

### *Key Scripture:*

*“So [as the result of the Messiah's intervention] they shall [reverently] fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives]. He shall come as a Redeemer to Zion and to those in Jacob (Israel) who turn from transgression, says the Lord. As for Me, this is My covenant or league with them, says the Lord: My Spirit, Who is upon you [and Who writes the law of God inwardly on the heart], and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord, from henceforth and forever.” Isaiah 59:19-21 (AMP)*

### *Portion for the Journey*

While in the Old Testament we see the Holy Spirit moving upon people, it is not until the New Testament that the distinct person of the Holy Spirit as one of the Trinity persons of our God becomes more completely revealed. There was a period of 400 years from the last words written in the Old Testament to the time when the opening chapters of the New Testament began. Then suddenly the Holy Spirit shows up on the scene. Immediately things get very interesting! A young virgin and a post-menopausal woman both get pregnant! John 16:13

**He reveals Himself when He overshadowed Mary and caused the virgin to become with child.** The word “overshadow” is very similar to the Hebrew word used in Gen. 1 when the Spirit hovered over early creation. The Greek word is episkiazo, (1982) and it means to cast a shadow upon, by analogy, to envelope in a haze of brilliancy, figuratively to invest with preternatural influence, that which is different from the natural or physical laws or powers, extraordinary, requiring the direct influence of omnipotence, to shelter, protect, to cover with protecting influence. Matt. 1:18,20; Luke 1:35

**The Holy Spirit anointed those who recognized and announced the coming of the Messiah:** John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit while still in his mother's womb, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit when her unborn son leaped in recognition of the Messiah in Mary's womb (Luke 1:15, 41). The Holy Spirit announced the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah through the prophetic words of Zacharias (Luke 2:67-79), Simeon (Luke 2:25-27)

### **The Spirit was with Jesus during His entire ministry on earth:**

- The public ministry of Jesus Christ began with Jesus' baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove at the time of His baptism. Prior to His baptism and His Spirit baptism, Jesus had performed only one miracle of which we are aware, and he said it was not yet His time. Matt. 3:16,17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:22
- Jesus being “full of the Spirit was led by the Spirit into the wilderness” to be tempted by the devil. Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1

- Jesus returned from the wilderness to Galilee “full of the power of the Spirit” and began His public ministry. Luke records his first words, “*The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and proclaim the favorable year of the LORD.*” Luke 1:12; 3:21,22; 4:1; 4:14-19; Mark 1:10; Acts 10:38
- God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power. Matt. 12:18
- The Spirit authorized Him to preach the Kingdom of God and demonstrate kingdom power by healing the sick, casting out demons and setting the captives free. **Jesus’s entire ministry** was marked by a display of the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit: Lepers were cleansed, the blind, deaf and lame were healed. The dead were raised. Those who heard him speak were amazed and His message was delivered with authority and power. Luke 4:18; Acts 2:33
- Jesus was enabled and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go to the Cross. Heb. 9:14
- The Holy Spirit quickened and raised the body of Jesus from the dead. Jesus was made alive in the Spirit. Rom. 1:4; 1 Pet. 3:18; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Tim. 3:16

**Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit to His Disciples:** Prior to Jesus crucifixion and the time He was to ascend back into Heaven drew closer, He began to speak much of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. Jesus knew that He would soon go to be with the Father. He told His disciples He would send the Holy Spirit, who would bring to their remembrance everything that Jesus had said to them. The Holy Spirit was to be a gift from the Father because Jesus asked for Him, that He may be with us forever! He said He would not leave them as orphans, but the Holy Spirit would come as a Comforter and a Helper. Jesus said, The Holy Spirit was not yet given because the Son was not glorified. John 7:39 This does not mean the Holy Spirit was not upon the earth, but that He was not yet given in the fullest measure because Jesus had not yet ascended. The Word foretold that Jesus would “baptize with the Holy Spirit” but Jesus did not baptize anyone while He was upon the earth. Jesus said He needed to go to the Father in order for the Holy Spirit to come to us. He promised He would not leave us as orphans. He promised that if He went to the Father, then we could do the works He did and even greater works. He said that the Holy Spirit when He came would convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment. Jesus said He had much more to say but the disciples couldn’t bear it then, but the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. The very last words Jesus spoke to His disciples before He ascended to heaven was to instruct them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said they would be baptized in the Holy Spirit and receive power to be His witnesses. It was when Jesus ascended to heaven to take His position on the throne at the right hand of the Father that he would send the Holy Spirit to those who belonged to Him. John 14:12-14; John 15:26-27; John 16:7-8; Acts 1:4-8; Read John 14, 15, 16 and 17

*What is the Lord speaking to your heart?*

*Response to the LORD:*