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BIBLE STUDY NOTE ON

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER – THE HOLY SPIRIT (Joel 2:28-32, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4, 2:16-21)

STUDY 6: THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARTHLY LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Lk. 1:35, Luke 3:21-22, 4:1, 18-21, Acts 10:38, Rom.8:11, John 4:13-14, 7:37-39

A- THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARTHLY LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST

The Holy Spirit is not only related to Jesus in His deity, as a member of the Trinity, He is also related to Jesus in His humanity. as we study Scripture, we find the Holy Spirit played a vital role in the life and ministry of Jesus being involved with Him from His conception through His resurrection.

Birth: The Scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit was involved in the conception of Jesus. Lk. 1:35. The Holy Spirit, through the Virgin Mary, conceived the child Jesus.

Baptism: The Holy Spirit was also involved in Jesus baptism. After John baptized Him with water, the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, identifying Jesus as the Messiah. (Matt. 3:16-17, 4:1, Luke 3:21-22). This shows that Jesus was also baptized in the Holy ghost as He was filled with the Holy Spirit Lk.4:1

Temptation: The Bible records that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matt. 4:1, Luke 4:1).

Public Ministry: The public ministry of Jesus was performed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Then Jesus returned in the **power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and the news of Him went out through all the surrounding region” (Luke 4:14). Jesus Himself testified that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him. (Luke 4:18,21, See Isa. 61:1-2a). During His public ministry, Jesus performed miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 12:28). The signs He performed were done in obedience to the Father through the agency of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:38)

The Resurrection: The Holy Spirit was also at work in the resurrection of Christ. (Romans 8:11). The Spirit of God brought Jesus back from the dead.

B- THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW BIRTH

There is the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth, every born-again believer has the Holy Spirit in a measure through the new birth. JOHN 3:5-8, 4:14, Rom. It is the Holy Spirit who imparts eternal life to the unregenerated spirit of the sinner (Titus 3:57). It is the Holy Spirit who recreates the sinner's spirit and makes him a new creature in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17) It is the Holy Spirit who bears witness with the spirit of the born-again one that he is a child of God (Rom. 8:16).

Is this all about the promise of The Father?

No, this is not the same as the infilling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), or the enduement of power from on High, even though the Holy Spirit is present in the life of the born-again believer. The new birth or salvation, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit or infilling of the Holy Spirit are two different experiences as illustrated by Our Master, Jesus Christ Himself:

Salvation: The Well of Water (John 4:13-14) Jesus illustrated the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation for us very beautifully when He was talking to the woman of Samaria at the well about salvation. Here we see that Jesus was speaking of the well of water or the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation or the new birth. Jesus referred to salvation as the well of water. Jesus said, ". . . the water that I shall give him shall be in him a **WELL OF WATER** springing up into EVER-LASTING LIFE" (KJV)

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Rivers of Living Waters. In John 7:37-39, Jesus was talking about the rivers of living water which characterize the work of the Holy Spirit in the infilling or the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the life of the born-again child of God. Jesus said, ". . . out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water**" (John 7:38).

The "**water**" in both John 4:13,14 and John 7:37-39 is a type of the Holy Spirit. But notice that two different experiences are mentioned: salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

NEXT STUDY: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OR INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT