

*Never forget that prayer is a vital piece of your spiritual weaponry. If you neglect this strategic piece of weaponry, you will find that the enemy keeps attacking you from up close. But as you learn to pray with authority, you will develop the ability to strike the enemy from a distance and therefore maintain a victorious position in your life.*

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Prayer Study #311

## **THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We have already looked at the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus in Handout #278, “The Work of the Holy Spirit.” That handout emphasized the analogy between the life of our Lord and the lives of His people. For example, just like He was born of the Spirit, we must be born of the Spirit. This handout will look at this same topic from a different vantage point. We will look more at the relationship between God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. in order that everyone may see the close relationship between God the Holy Spirit and God the Son. This is a very tender relationship, as is both of those in relationship with the Father.

1. **Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit.** Luke 1:35: *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you: therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*
2. **Jesus cast out demons by the Holy Spirit.** Matthew 12:28: **“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”**
3. **Jesus, as a man fully human and yet fully God, was anointed by the Holy Spirit.** Matthew 3:16: *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.*
4. **Jesus was supported in His ministry by the Holy Spirit.** Luke 4:17-18: *And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and***

*recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

5. **He was filled by the Spirit.** Luke 4:1: *THEN Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness....*
6. **He offered Himself through the Holy Spirit as the spotless Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.** Hebrews 9:14a: *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God...*
7. **Jesus was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit.** Romans 1:4: *...the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (NKJV). And Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised Him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit (NLT).*
8. **He was vindicated or shown righteous in the world and sinless by the Holy Spirit.** 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:16: *Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory (NIV).*
9. **Jesus was glorified by the Spirit, who serves as His spokesperson.** John 16:14: *The Spirit of truth will bring glory to Me, because He will take what I have to say and tell it to you (New Century Version).*
10. **The Holy Spirit witnesses in heaven to the deity of Jesus.** 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:5-6: *Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is truth (New American Standard Version).*
11. **The Holy Spirit witnesses on earth to the deity of Jesus.** 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:6-8: *This is He who came by water and blood-Jesus Christ; not only by water but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.*

This tender relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit is a relationship of true agape love. Notice the humility of both Jesus and the Holy Spirit as they talk of each other. The Spirit comes to guide us into all truth, will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment, but will not speak

of Himself, but will glorify Jesus. Jesus says that it is better that He (Jesus) goes so that His friend can come. John 16:7-15: *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you will see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come; He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you”* (New King James).

John 16:4-15: *“I didn’t tell you this earlier because I was with you every day. But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Instead, the longer I’ve talked, the sadder you’ve become. So let Me say it again, this truth: It’s better for you that I leave. If I don’t leave, the Friend won’t come. But if I go, I’ll send Him to you. When He comes, He’ll expose the error of the godless world’s view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: He’ll show them that their refusal to believe in Me is their basic sin; that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted. I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, He will take you by the hand and guide you in to all the truth there is. He won’t draw attention to Himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor Me; He will take from Me and deliver to you. Everything the Father has is also Mine. That is why I’ve said, ‘He takes from Me and delivers to you’”* (The Message).

Jeff Asher in the Holy Spirit and Jesus at Padfield.Com tells us what the Holy Spirit did not do for Jesus:

*“The Holy Spirit did not give Jesus divinity. He possessed the divine nature prior to the Holy Spirit coming upon Him (Matthew 1:23; John 127-*

30) and was Deity from the moment of conception (Luke 1:35). Respecting the Word prior to the incarnation, He has always been divine (John 1:1-3).

*“The Holy Spirit did not prevent Jesus from sinning. The Holy Spirit never prevented any man from sinning (Matthew 10:1-5; Galatians 2:11; Numbers 20:11). The temptation of Jesus was real (Matthew 4; Luke 4). There was no miraculous power exercised in Jesus’ behalf against Satan in order to reduce the effect of the temptations, which He experienced (Luke 4:1; Mark 1:12).*

*“Neither did the Holy Spirit take away the will or the mind of Jesus. The Scriptures teach that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the prophets are subject to the prophets (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:26-32). Why would it be any different in Jesus? No one is claiming that Jesus lost His will or His mind or that He did not know what He was doing or why He did it.”*

## **GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART**

**Henry Smith**

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