

## “A Study on the Relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit”

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### 1. Old Testament Background – The Faithful looked forward to Messiah’s Coming

The *Spirit of the LORD will rest on him*-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” Isaiah 11.2

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; *I will put my Spirit on him* and he will bring justice to the nations.” Isaiah 42.1

“The *Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me*, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” Isaiah 61.1

### 2. Day of the Lord – Great and Terrible Day of Judgment and Blessing –

“The fortress will be abandoned, the noisy city deserted; citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever, the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks, *till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high*, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.” Isaiah 32.14,15

*“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.* Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, *I will pour out my Spirit in those days.*” Joel 2.28,29

"*On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David* and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. *On that day*, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more," declares the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 13.1,2

### 3. Coming of the Messiah - “Age of the Spirit”

#### John the Baptizer

“he will be great in the sight of the Lord...he will be *filled with the Holy Spirit* even from birth” Luke 1.15

#### OT Foreshadowings

Samson: “The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "...you are going to conceive and have a son... the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel... The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, and *the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him*” Judges 13.3-5,24,25

Samuel: “Hannah... made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only... not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life...So now I give him to the LORD. *For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.*” 1 Samuel 1.10-28

### John's mother, Elizabeth

“When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was *filled with the Holy Spirit*” Luke 1.41

### John's father, Zechariah

“His father Zechariah was *filled with the Holy Spirit* and prophesied” Luke 1.67

### Simeon

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the *Holy Spirit was upon him*” Luke 2.25

## 4. The Christ (Messiah) has Come

### Birth

The angel answered, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you*, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1.35

### OT Foreshadowings

Sarah: “I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; *kings of peoples will come from her.*” Genesis 17.16

King Saul: “*The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power*” 1 Samuel 10.6

King David: “from that day on the *Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power*” 1 Samuel 16.13

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and *the power of the Most High will overshadow you*. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1.35

### Fulfillment of Multiple OT Themes

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and *the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*” Genesis 1.2

“Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the *glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*” Exodus 40.35

“He will cover you with his feathers, and *under his wings you will find refuge*; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.” Psalm 91.4

“I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and *I will fill this house with glory,*” says the LORD Almighty.” Haggai 2.7

“Suddenly *the Lord you are seeking will come* to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom

you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.”

Malachi 3.1

“But the *temple* he had spoken of was his *body*.”

John 2.21

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1.14

### Importance of the Virgin Birth of Jesus

#### 1. Incarnation is all God’s Work; Mary is a Passive Participant

“children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God”

John 1.13

#### 2. Jesus is One of Us; He has Our Human Nature

“God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man” Romans 8.3

#### 3. The Eternal Son of God became the man Christ Jesus

"You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.” John 8.23

#### 4. Jesus is Sinless Man

“The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.” 1 Corinthians 15.47

#### 5. Work of Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

"The *Holy Spirit* will come upon you, and the power of the *Most High* will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the *Son of God*.”

Luke 1.35

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you *he is Christ* the Lord.” Luke 2.11

### Boyhood

“Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers... "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"... And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Luke 2.47,49,52

## Fulfillment of OT

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- *the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD...and a little child will lead them.*”  
Isaiah 11.2,6

“The *Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious*”  
Isaiah 50.4,5

“I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. *I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.*”  
Psalm 119.99,100

“For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God *gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.*”  
John 3.34,35

Incarnation - Jesus became, and remains, fully God and fully man

### Fully Man

“there is one God and one mediator between God and men, *the man Christ Jesus*”<sup>1</sup> Timothy 2.5

“This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that *Jesus Christ has come in the flesh* is from God”  
1 John 4.2

### Fully God

“No one has ever seen God, but *God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*”  
John 1.18

“For in Christ *all the fullness of the Deity* lives in bodily form”  
Colossians 2.9

“Christ Jesus...Who, being in *very nature God*, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”  
Philippians 2.6,7

## 5. Jesus Ministered "in the power of the Spirit"

“*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit* and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because *God was with him.*”  
Acts 10.38

### Christ Commissioned

“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the *Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form* like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he *began his ministry.*  
Luke 3.21-23

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "*You are my Son*; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2.6-8

"the Son of Man...On him God the Father has placed *his seal of approval*." John 6.27

"those who are *led by the Spirit of God are sons of God*... you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8.14,15

## Temptation

"Jesus, *full of the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan and was *led by the Spirit* in the desert" Luke 4.1

"At once the *Spirit sent him out* ('threw him out') into the desert" Mark 1.12

("Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9.38)

### Temptation of Jesus

1. A Cosmic Conflict against Evil; much more than just a moral example for the believers.

2. Matthew – The True and Obedient Israel

2.15 "so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "*Out of Egypt I called my son*."

2.23 "So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called *a Nazarene*."

3.15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to *fulfill all righteousness*."

4.13-17 "he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali-- to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--the people living in darkness have seen a great light..." From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

3. Mark – The Victor over Continuous Attacks

1.13 "he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him"

3.27 "no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house."

4. Luke – The Second, Final, Obedient Adam

3.38 "...the son of Adam, the son of God"

4.13 "When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time."

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”  
Luke 4.14

## Teaching

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has *anointed me to preach* good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed”  
Luke 4.18

### Fulfillment of OT

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; *I will put my words in his mouth*, and he will tell them everything I command him.”  
Deuteronomy 18.18

They asked him (John the Baptist), ... "Are you *the Prophet?*" He answered, "No." John 1.21

“After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."  
John 6.14

“They were all filled with awe and praised God. "*A great prophet has appeared* among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."  
Luke 7.16

## Healing

“But if I drive out demons by the *Spirit of God*, then the *kingdom of God* has come upon you.”  
Matthew 12.28

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; *I will put my Spirit on him*...A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out...I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name!"  
Isaiah 42.1-8

## Death

“the blood of Christ, who *through the eternal Spirit* offered himself unblemished to God”  
Hebrews 9.14

## Resurrection

“through the *Spirit of holiness* was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord”  
Romans 1.4

"The first man Adam became a living being" ; the last Adam, *a life-giving Spirit*.”  
1 Corinthians 15.45

“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.”  
1 Timothy 3.16

“He was put to death in the body but *made alive by the Spirit*” 1 Peter 3.18

## Post Resurrection Ministry

“giving *instructions through the Holy Spirit* to the apostles he had chosen” Acts 1.2

## 6. Equality within the Godhead

Jesus and the Spirit – Matthew 12.22-32

Pharisee’s accusation: v. 24 "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

Jesus explanation: v. 28 “*I drive out demons by the Spirit of God*”

Two Possibilities: v. 30 “He who is not with me is against me”

Jesus does not act alone: v. 32 “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who *speaks against the Holy Spirit* will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

Conclusion – Source of Jesus’ healing power is the Holy Spirit of God. He does not act merely as the Son of Man, but as Messiah, the one who has the Spirit without limit.

Jesus and the Father – Matthew 24.36

During His earthly humiliation Jesus set aside some of His divine nature:

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but *made himself nothing*, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”  
Philippians 2.5-7

He temporarily set aside His knowledge of some details about the time of His Coming:

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, *nor the Son*, but only the Father.”  
Matthew 24.36

But He did not set aside all knowledge of the Last Days:

“In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”  
Matthew 26.64

After the Resurrection, all knowledge was Restored:

“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is *not for you to know* the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.” Acts 1.6,7

“He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, *I am coming soon.*” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”  
Revelation 22.20

## 7. The Spirit and Jesus – a new relationship after the Resurrection

“Now *the Lord is the Spirit*, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”  
2 Corinthians 3.17

“Now” = New Covenant

v. 3 “not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts”

v. 6 “He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit”

v. 8 “the ministry of the Spirit”

v. 10 “For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.”

v. 13 “We are not like Moses”

“I will give you a *new heart* and put a *new spirit* in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And *I will put my Spirit in you* and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”  
Ezekiel 36.26,27

“Lord” = Jesus

v. 3 “you are a letter from Christ”

v. 4 “ours through Christ”

v. 14 “only in Christ is it taken away”

v. 16 “whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away”

“there is but *one Lord, Jesus Christ*, through whom all things came and through whom we live”  
1 Corinthians 8.6

“through the *Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God* by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord”  
Romans 1.4

The Lord Jesus is now Lord of the Spirit. Now in the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus has become inseparably identified with the Holy Spirit. It is an economic (what God does) union not an ontological (who God is) union. The three members of the Godhead remain distinct.

## Pentecost - The Coming of Jesus

John’s Gospel - Disciples were promised the Coming of Jesus and the Spirit

14.16 “I will ask the Father, and he will give you *another Counselor to be with you forever*”

14.18 "I will not leave you as orphans; *I will come to you.*"

14.23 "My Father will love him, and *we will come to him* and make our home with him."

16.16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while *you will see me.*"

### The Acts of the Exalted Jesus in the Power of the Holy Spirit through the Church

1.1 "Jesus *began* to do and to teach"

1.8 "when the *Holy Spirit* comes on you; and you will be *my* witnesses"

2.1,4 "the day of Pentecost came...All of them were *filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak in other tongues as the *Spirit enabled* them"

2.11 "we hear them declaring the *wonders of God* in our own tongues!"

2.32,33 "*God has raised this Jesus* to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from *the Father* the promised *Holy Spirit* and has poured out what you now see and hear."

2.38 "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the *name of Jesus Christ* for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the *gift of the Holy Spirit.*"

3.6 "In the name of *Jesus Christ of Nazareth*, walk."

3.16 "By faith in *the name of Jesus*, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is *Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him* that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

3.20 "that he may send *the Christ*, who has been appointed for you--*even Jesus*"

4.8,10 "Peter, *filled with the Holy Spirit*, said ...It is by *the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."

4.30,31 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your *holy servant Jesus*.... And they were all *filled with the Holy Spirit*"

These, and many other examples in Acts, show the close connection between the Exalted Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

. "Another ('allos' = of the identical type) Counselor"

"another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth" John 14.16,17  
John shows the close connection between Jesus and the Spirit...

Sent by the Father

Jesus "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the *Father, who sent him.*" 5.23

Spirit "I will ask the *Father, and he will give you another Counselor*" 14.16

The Truth

Jesus "I am the way and the *truth* and the life." 14.6

Spirit "the Spirit of truth, comes, *he will guide you into all truth*" 16.13

The Teacher

Jesus "If anyone loves me, he will obey *my teaching.*" 14.23

Spirit "the Counselor, the *Holy Spirit*, whom the Father will send in my name, *will teach you* all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." 14.26

The Witness

Jesus "for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, *to testify to the truth.*" 18.37

Spirit "the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, *he will testify about me*" 15.26

Unrecognized by the World

Jesus "I have come in my Father's name, and *you do not accept me*" 5.43

Spirit "Spirit of truth. The *world cannot accept him*, because it neither sees him nor knows him" 14.17

"He will bring glory to me by *taking from what is mine* and making it known to you." John 16.14

8. Emanuel - "God with Us" - a theme of Matthew....

1.23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him *Immanuel*" -- which means, "God with us."

18.20 "For where two or three come together in my name, *there am I* with them."

25.40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, *you did for me.*'"

28.20 "And surely *I am with you always*, to the very end of the age."

9. "Spirit filled" Christian is a "Christ filled" Christian

"You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if *the Spirit of God lives in you*. And if anyone does not have the *Spirit of Christ*, he does not belong to Christ. But if *Christ is in you*, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if

the *Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you*, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” Romans 8.9-11

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but *Christ lives in me*.” Galatians 2.20

“the glorious riches of this mystery, which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory” Colossians 1.27

## 10. Concluding Applications

1. **Worship** – Our Awesome God is beyond our complete understanding. Our God is so great that He is worthy of our endless worship.

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11.33-36

2. **Oneness** – Our unity is not based on complete doctrinal agreement but on faith in Jesus and Scripture – God’s perfect Word - through the Holy Spirit. All our teachings and traditions are imperfect and incomplete. Let us hold firmly to the Word of God and lightly to our interpretations.

"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” John 17.20-23

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit” Ephesians 4.3,4

3. **Walk** – The Spirit-filled Jesus is both our Example and our Companion in the Journey. We follow in His footsteps – a man who lived and served through the power of the Spirit.

Jesus: “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13.15

Paul: “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11.1

4. **Witness** – We cannot know everything about God, but we do know Him and can invite others into this knowledge.

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17.1-3

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13.14