

## Jesus Lived a Dependent, Spirit-Filled Life – Pt.1

John 1:32-34

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### Introduction

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1. **Diagram: Three Emphases of the Trinity**
  - a. **Liberals (Mainline):** emphasize the Father, Creation & Social Issues
  - b. **Evangelicals:** emphasize the Son (Jesus), Salvation & Doctrine.
  - c. **Charismatics:** emphasize the Holy Spirit, Power & Experience.
2. Thus, each of the three groups is **completely right** about what they are **emphasizing**, but each is **completely wrong** in what they are **neglecting**.
3. **You cannot be a balanced, renewed, fruitful Christian or church without ALL THREE aspects of God operating fully in you.**
4. In 2004 I presented & taught this to the Board of elders. Once they approved it, I taught it to SC! We were never the same!
5. **P. Stefan** has done an excellent job, guiding SC to embrace the HS, without neglecting Christ and His great salvation! **Both/And. Balance!**
6. **Today:** I'll show you that **Jesus Himself lived a Spirit-Filled Life!**
7. John was told that Messiah's identity would be clearly established by observing on whom the Spirit would come to rest. **John said ....**
8. **John 1:32-34 (NIV)** *I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'* <sup>34</sup>*I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.*
9. **Christ** (English), **Masiah** (Hebrew – ma-shee-ach), and **Christos** (Greek) are the same word, meaning "To anoint with oil or Holy Spirit."
10. Thus, it is the Holy Spirit who makes Jesus the "Christ!"
11. When we say Jesus Messiah or Jesus Christ, we are literally saying: "**Jesus, the One anointed by the Holy Spirit!**"
12. What the Scriptures convincingly demonstrate is that before the **Church** was empowered for life and mission by the Spirit (**Acts**), it was **Jesus** who was **first** empowered for life and mission by the Holy Spirit (**Luke**).

### A. Jesus' youth was marked by the Holy Spirit

1. Every year Jesus' parents went up to the Feast of the Passover
2. At age 12, Jesus joined them on this annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem
3. On their return journey his parents discovered that he was missing
4. In their frantic search they returned to Jerusalem and found Him in the Temple courts sitting among the teachers, listening & asking questions.
5. **Luke 2:47 (NIV)** *Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*
6. Luke tells us why ...
7. **Luke 2:52 (NIV)** *And Jesus GREW IN WISDOM and stature, and in favor with God and men.*
8. Why was Jesus growing in wisdom? Isn't He God?
9. **Luke 2:40 (NIV)** *And the child grew and became strong; he was FILLED WITH WISDOM, and the grace of God was upon him.*
  - a. Filled – is a present passive participle, meaning "was being filled"
  - b. The present tense means He continued to be filled with WISDOM!
  - c. The passive voice means that Jesus was receiving it from outside of himself: He was BEING filled; he didn't fill himself!
  - d. And Isaiah tells us WHO was continually filling Jesus with wisdom!
10. **Isaiah 11:1-2 (NIV)** *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> 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—*
11. Make no mistake, Luke is saying that there was a ministry of the Spirit in the life of Jesus, which began in His childhood and youth.
12. Some of the growth in knowledge and wisdom, which the HS oversaw, came through others such as parents, school, & religious leaders.
13. For example, Luke says that as a boy, Jesus asked the religious leaders questions (Lk 2:46). But Jesus didn't always agree with them! **WHY?!**
14. Because the HS gave Him direct insights, as He sometimes does with us.
15. **Young people** – if Jesus needed the HS to navigate His time as a young person, don't you think you need Him working powerfully in your life?!

### B. Jesus was anointed for ministry by the Holy Spirit

1. At the public start of His ministry, **Jesus** submitted to John's baptism.

2. As He came out of the water, the HS came down upon Him as a dove
3. **Luke 3:21-23 (NIV)** *When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> 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." <sup>23</sup> Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.*
4. **The OT Kings, High Priest, & prophets of Israel, had to be anointed, with oil AND the Holy Spirit to fulfill their divine missions** (Ex 29:7; Lev 4:3-16; 1 Sam 10:1-16; 16:12)
5. These 3 roles came together in Jesus who was called: **Prophet** (Jn 6:14; 7:40), **High Priest** (Heb 2:11-17; 3:1); **King** (Matt 2:1-2; 27:11)
6. And so Luke explicitly tells us that Jesus too was anointed for ministry.
7. **Acts 10:37-38 (ESV)** ... you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

#### C. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to be tempted & tested

1. As soon as He was anointed for ministry, **the Spirit led him** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil
2. **Luke 4:1-2 (ESV)** *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and **WAS LED** by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.*
3. **Three things I want you to notice about the verb "was led".**
  - a. **First:** Mark (1:12) chose an even stronger word for Luke's, "**LED**," saying that the Spirit "**DROVE**" Jesus out into the wilderness.
  - b. **Second:** the participle, "being tempted by the devil," modifies the verb "was led" by the HS, MEANING that the HS led Jesus into the wilderness specifically to be tempted!
  - c. **Third:** not only did the Spirit lead/drive Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted, the grammatical construction reveals that the Spirit was leading Jesus THROUGHOUT the temptation!
  - d. The verb, "was led" is in the **imperfect tense**, meaning that in the past something was repeatedly or continually happening.

- e. In other words, the Spirit was continually leading Jesus in the wilderness, as the devil continued to tempt him throughout that 40-day period! **How incredible is that?!**
4. Heightened by a punishing 40-day fast, this ordeal was so severe that Jesus suffered through it
5. **Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)** *Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*
6. Throughout His ordeal, Jesus was being led and empowered by the HS!
7. Because of that, Jesus prevailed, and when it was over, Luke is careful to mention that Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the HS!
8. **Luke 4:14 (NIV)** *Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.*
9. If Jesus resisted such powerful tempting & testing by the HS, don't you think the HS is essential to help us through our temptations, testings, and trials?!

#### D. Jesus preached by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. Upon His return, Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath.
2. When the synagogue attendant handed Him the scroll of Isaiah to read from, Jesus unrolled and found the place where it was written ...
3. **Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)** *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, <sup>19</sup> to PROCLAIM the year of the Lord's favor.*
4. After reading it, he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and said: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21)
5. Jesus claimed to be the HS Anointed One of whom Isaiah had written!
6. And He affirmed that the HS anointing was for the purpose of preaching and proclaiming the Good News!
7. Even His teaching to the disciples was done by the Holy Spirit!
8. **Acts 1:1-2 (NIV)** *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after GIVING INSTRUCTIONS through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*
9. Little wonder that it was said of Him ...

10. **John 7:46 (NIV)** "No one ever spoke the way this man does."

#### E. Jesus healed by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. In his sermon to Cornelius and his household, see what Peter said ...
2. **Acts 10:37–38 (BSB)** *You yourselves know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.*
3. Luke is using a literary device called parallelism, so that "Spirit" and "power" refer to the same person, though the latter one (power) may be underscoring a key aspect of the Spirit – His power.
4. Scripture is replete with examples of parallelism. Here's one ...
5. **Luke 1:35 (ESV)** *And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*
6. Clearly, the "power of the Most High" is one and the same with the "HS"
7. **Why is this all so important?**
8. Because there are several important instances recorded in the Gospels where it speaks of Jesus' power to heal.
9. And what we are investigating is the source of that power!
10. So, when we read that "the power of the Lord to heal was with Him" (Lk 5:17); or "everyone wanted to touch Jesus because healing power was coming from Him and healing them all" (Lk 6:19); or "I know that power has gone out of me" (Lk 8:46), Luke is referring to the HS!
11. These examples tell us that Jesus' power to heal came from the HS!
12. In fact, in one of the passages just cited, Luke implies that when the Spirit's power wasn't available, Jesus couldn't heal!
13. **Luke 5:17 (ESV)** *On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.*
14. It wasn't inherent in Jesus. He healed by the power of the Holy Spirit!

#### F. Jesus exorcised demons by the power of the Spirit

1. Even Jesus was conscious of the fact that He ministered by the power of the HS.

2. One time He said that He cast out demons by the Spirit!
3. **Matthew 12:28 (NIV)** *But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

#### G. Jesus bore the fruit by the Holy Spirit

1. For example, Luke says that Jesus experienced joy by the Holy Spirit
2. **Luke 10:21 (NIV)** *At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.*
3. Paul says joy is one aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, but not the only one
4. **Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
5. We know that Jesus exhibited these traits in His earthly sojourn
6. These were produced in Jesus' life through the Holy Spirit.

#### H. Jesus offered Himself up to death by the Holy Spirit

1. Jesus shared, not only in humanity's life, but also their death
2. **Hebrews 2:14 (NIV)** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--*
3. Jesus was aware of what lay ahead for Him ...
4. **Luke 24:46 (NIV)** *He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day...."*
5. As the time for His sacrifice neared, Jesus was filled with horror, prompting desperate cries to His Father in heaven
6. **Hebrews 5:7 (ESV)** *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.*
7. Yet, He never shrank from the path chosen for Him but submitted to the Father's will. How did He do it? **By the Spirit!**
8. **Hebrews 9:14 (ESV)** *... how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*
9. He was enabled to offer Himself to God THROUGH the power of the HS!

**1. Jesus was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit**

1. **John 2:22 (ESV)** *When therefore he (Jesus) was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.*
2. **Seventeen times in Acts and the Epistles it expressly says that God raised Jesus from the dead! HOW? By the Spirit!**
3. **Romans 8:11 (ESV)** *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

**Application:**

1. **Jesus lived His entire life by the guidance, wisdom & empowerment supplied by the HS!**
2. Little wonder the last thing He instructed His disciples before He ascended into heaven was this ...
3. **Acts 1:4–5 (BSB)** *And while they were gathered together, He commanded them: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*
4. **And little wonder it was JESUS who 10 days later Jesus Himself poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost!**
5. Speaking of Jesus, Peter said ...
6. **Acts 2:33 (BSB)** *Exalted, then, to the right hand of God, He (Jesus) has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*
7. We saw HOW essential the HS was in Jesus’ life!
8. And now we see HOW essential Jesus believed that the HS was for the lives and ministries of all his disciples!
9. Which is why at salvation, all believers are baptized into the Spirit.
10. **1 Corinthians 12:13 (BSB)** *For in one Spirit we were ALL baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink.*
11. Well, you say – if that’s the case, then I have nothing to worry about; I have the Spirit, so what was the point of the sermon?!
12. **First:** you can grieve the HS through unconfessed and habitual sin.
13. **Ephesians 4:30 (BSB)** *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

14. When that happens, He removes Himself from your life!
15. Which is why when David sinned with Bathsheba, in his confession to God (Psalm 51), he prayed ...
16. **Psalm 51:10–11 (NIV84)** *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*
17. Why does the Spirit remove Himself? Because He is HOLY! Holy Spirit.
18. **Second:** you can quench or extinguish the Spirit in your life! **Paul says...**
19. **1 Thessalonians 5:19 (BSB)** *Do not extinguish the Spirit.*
20. **NIV says it like this ...**
21. **1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV84)** *Do not put out the Spirit’s fire;*
22. You quench the Holy Spirit or put out His fire by minimizing Him or ignoring Him in your life.
23. Either way, you are living on your own steam – Jesus couldn’t, and neither can you!
24. Confess any known sin, including ignoring Him. Then pursue Him by taking the Empower, and learning all you can about Him.