

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS HELP

Part 3 - His Ministry in the Life of Jesus

Text: John 14:16-17 NKJ

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS SPOKEN ABOUT BY THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

- Isaiah described His characteristics (*Isaiah 11:2 NKJ*)
 1. Those attributes have not changed
- Ezekiel spoke of a coming day, which is the time we are now living (*Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJ*)
 1. The heart of flesh is the new creation
 2. The Spirit within takes place at the New Birth (*1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJ*)
- Joel spoke of the coming day and the Holy Spirit's outpouring (*Joel 2:28-29 NKJ*)
 1. The passage Peter spoke of on the day of Pentecost
 2. A distinction is made here of the Holy Spirit within and the Holy Spirit upon

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

- Pre and post birth
 1. The Holy Spirit at conception (*Luke 1:34-35 NKJ*)
 2. The Holy Spirit encouraged Mary during her pregnancy (*Luke 1:39-43 NKJ*)
 3. The Holy Spirit confirmed Jesus at His dedication (*Luke 2:25-30 NKJ*)
- The early ministry of Jesus
 1. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (*Luke 3:16 NKJ*)
 2. We see the Holy Spirit on Jesus at the start of His ministry (*Luke 3:21-22 NKJ*)
 3. Jesus referenced the Holy Spirit's equipping Him to help people (*Luke 4:18 NKJ*)
(*Acts 10:38 NKJ*)

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS THE EARLY CHURCH

- He was instrumental in reaching out to the Gentiles (*Acts 10:19-20 NKJ*)
 1. The Jewish believers did not consider Gentiles within the sphere of salvation
 2. It required a vision and direct command from the Holy Spirit to open that door
- He helped guide the early church into a major decision regarding the nations (*Acts 15:28 NKJ*)
 1. The early church used the scriptures and the direct involvement of the Holy Spirit