

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS HELP

Part 4 - Jesus and the New Testament Church

Text: John 14:16-17 NKJ

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN JESUS' MINISTRY

- We see the Holy Spirit on Jesus at the start of His ministry **(Luke 3:21-22 NKJ)**
 1. We have no evidence of any miracles in Jesus' life until after this event
- Jesus referenced the Holy Spirit's equipping Him to help people **(Luke 4:18 NKJ)**
 1. Luke would later refer to Jesus being anointed **(Acts 10:38 NKJ)**
- Jesus operated as a man equipped by the Holy Spirit **(Philippians 2:5-8 NLT)**
 1. If He was operating as God only...
 2. If He was operating as man only...

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
- He helped steer Paul into God's plan for his life and ministry **(Acts 16:6-8 NKJ)**
 1. Paul had developed a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and His leadings
 2. Paul also had a willingness in him to yield

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INVOLVEMENT IN OUR LIVES TODAY

- He helps us by offering guidance **(John 16:13 NKJ)**
 1. He will always guide us in agreement with God's word
 2. He does not force or push
- He helps us by telling us about the future
 1. Insight into the future is a huge help
 2. The Holy Spirit warned Paul regarding what was coming his way **(Acts 20:22-23 NKJ)**
 3. Paul was warned about an upcoming storm **(Acts 27:9-10 NKJ) (Romans 8:16 NKJ)**
- He helps us by teaching us **(John 14:26 NKJ)**
 1. He reveals to us the mind of Christ and the will of God **(1 Corinthians 2:9-13 NKJ)**