

**Text: Luke 3:22; 4:1,14,18-19; Matthew 3:16; 4:1; Mark 1:12**

**Subject: Evangelism**

**Sub-Topic: The Ministry of the Spirit of God**

### **THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE LORD JESUS**

1. The Spirit of God at His baptism  
(Noted in the Synoptic Gospels)

2. Significance to be noted:

a) In conjunction with the Commendation of God the Father  
“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”      Matthew 3:17

b) In the form of a dove

i) Symbolising gentleness

ii) And peace/tranquility

c) The anointing of the Lord Jesus

i) As a servant of the Lord

ii) As the High Priest (Hebrews 5:1-11)

iii) Empowering for life and ministry

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS**

1. He takes the lead

2. He leads the Lord Jesus into the wilderness      Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1

a) He must face temptation

b) He must also overcome temptation

c) He must defeat the Devil

d) He can do that as He applies the Word of God

e) The Spirit of God would be there to empower and enable

3. The Power of the Holy Spirit continues Luke 4:14

a) Commencement

b) Continuation

### **THE PROPHECY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT UPON THE MESSIAH**

1. This text prophesied the Anointing of the Messiah

2. The fullness of the Spirit's Anointing is to be noted

a) LORD

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him Isaiah 11:2a

b) Wisdom

The Spirit of wisdom Isaiah 11:2b

c) Understanding

And understanding Isaiah 11:2c

d) Counsel

The Spirit of counsel Isaiah 11:2d

e) Might

And might Isaiah 11:2e

f) Knowledge

The Spirit of knowledge Isaiah 11:2f

g) Fear of the LORD

And of the fear of the LORD Isaiah 11:2g

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LORD JESUS NOTED**

1. The power of the Spirit in ministry Luke 4:14

a) Ministry in Galilee

b) News of the Lord spread

2. The teaching ministry of the Lord

a) Teaching

He taught in the synagogues of Galilee Luke 4:15

b) Glorified  
He was glorified by all Luke 4:15

### 3. In the synagogue at Nazareth

a) Knowledge  
Obvious familiarity with the Scriptures Luke 4:16

i) He knew the book of Isaiah Luke 4:17a

ii) He turned to the appropriate text Luke 4:17b

iii) He read from the text chosen Luke 4:17c

b) Reading  
He read what was written Luke 4:17d; Isaiah 61:1-3

i) He read with understanding

ii) He read with personal application

### 4. The ministry of the Holy Spirit was highlighted

a) Spirit- Acknowledgement  
The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me Luke 4:18a

b) Anointing- Consciousness  
Because He has anointed Me Luke 4:18b

c) Preaching- Ministry to the poor  
To preach the Gospel to the poor Luke 4:18c

d) Healing – Ministry to the broken-hearted  
He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted Luke 4:18d

e) Proclaiming- Ministry to captives  
To proclaim liberty to the captives Luke 4:18e

f) Recovery – Ministry to the blind  
And recovery of sight to the blind Luke 4:18f

g) Liberty to the oppressed  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed Luke 4:18g

h) Preaching- Message from God  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD Luke 4:19

## **FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE DISCIPLES OF THE LORD**

1. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in our life is vital
2. We have to know more about the Holy Spirit in our life
3. Vital teachings of the Lord Jesus concerning the Spirit of God

a) Helper      John 14  
I will pray the Father,  
And He will give you another Helper      John 14:16a

b) Abiding  
That He may abide with you forever      John 14:16b

c) Description/ Explanation

i) The Spirit of truth      John 14:17a

ii) The world cannot receive Him      John 14:17b

iii) Because it neither sees Him      John 14:17c

iv) Nor knows Him      John 14:17d

v) But you know Him      John 14: 17e

vi) He dwells with you      John 14:17f

vii) And will be in you      John 14:17g

d) The Ministry of witnessing      John 15

i) When the Helper comes      John 15:26a

ii) Whom I shall send to you  
from My Father      John 15:26b

iii) The Spirit of truth  
who proceeds from the Father      John 15:26c

iv) He will testify of Me      John 15:26d

e) The Vital work of the Spirit of God in the hearts of people

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| i) He will convict the world of sin | John 16:8a, 9  |
| ii) And of righteousness            | John 16:8b, 10 |
| iii) And of judgment                | John 16:8c, 11 |

f) The ministry of the Spirit of truth

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| i) He will guide you into all truth                       | John 16:13a     |
| ii) He will not speak on His own authority                | John 16:13b     |
| iii) Whatever He hears He will speak                      | John 16:13c     |
| iv) And He will tell you things to come                   | John 16:13d     |
| v) He will glorify Me                                     | John 16:14a     |
| vi) He will take of what is Mine<br>and declare it to you | John 16:14b, 15 |

**OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To deepen our knowledge of the Spirit of God
2. To be conscious of His role in evangelism
3. To be filled with the Spirit
4. To be sensitive to His leading
5. To be filled with His power