

Sunday, April 12, 2026

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The Personal Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Series: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Text: Luke 1:26 - 38 (35)

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to search the Scriptures regarding the ministry of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 17:10 – 11, "The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. (11) Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."] Inserts

Introduction:

~ Easter Sunday we considered "The Gospel Defined" as recorded by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 8:

~ 1) Christ Died for Our Sins; ~ 2) Christ Was Buried; 3) Christ Was Raised From the Dead

~ One of the hardest teachings of Scripture to understand is that of the Triune God, ONE in ESSENCE and yet three distinct PERSONS; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Perhaps the least understood of these three is the Holy Spirit; there seems to be two extremes on this subject, either a strong neglect or an imbalanced infatuation, both of which, can cause offense.

~ Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD (H3068, Jehovah – "the existing One", the proper name of the one true God) our God (H430, Elohim is plural in number), the LORD is one."

1. Jesus Born of the Holy Spirit:

~ Luke 1:26 – 38, (35) "*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."*

~ Matthew 1:20, "*But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

~ Jesus said in John 3:3 & 5, "*Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*" (5) "*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*"

~ Titus 3:4 – 6, "*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, (5) he saved us, not because*

of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

~ John 6:63, "*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."*

2. Jesus Had the Holy Spirit Come Upon Him:

~ Matthew 3:16 – 17, "*And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; (17) and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*"

See Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32 & 33

~ Acts 1:1 – 8, (8) "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

~ Ephesians 5:17 – 18, "*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"*

~ Ephesians 1:16 – 23 (Read) It is my understanding that the deepest work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is in our character, our commitment to Christ, and in our intellect.

3. Jesus Had the Holy Spirit Lead Him:

~ Matthew 4:1, "*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."*

~ Mark 1:12, "*The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness."*

~ Luke 4:1, "*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness"*

~ John 16:13, "*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*

Compare John 12:49 - 50

Conclusion:

Every Believer is born again by the Holy Spirit – IN Every Believer is the have the Holy Spirit empower them – UPON

Every Believer has the Holy Spirit with them – WITH / LEADING

John 14:15 – 17