

- The primary things we have seen regarding the work of the Spirit are creation/life, wisdom/creativity, and equipping of certain positions/offices for leading Israel
- then there is the promise of the Servant of the Lord who will be filled with the Spirit, and a promised outpouring of the Spirit on all of God's people
- There is a tension building and in the Gospels that tension only gets ratcheted up more and more

### I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF JESUS

- after 400 years of prophetic silence, suddenly (in Luke's account) there is a movement of the Spirit related to John the Baptist (the prophet announcing the arrival of Messiah) and Jesus
- Lk1:15 – **John** filled w/S. from womb – this is not a statement about children being Christians, but rather a statement about the John as a prophet and his being called from the womb to be such (pp.Jer1:5); I believe it would be a mistake to develop a theology of children and salvation from this passage
- Lk1:41 – **Elizabeth** filled with the HS, and speaks prophetically
- Lk1:67 – **Zacharias** filled with the HS, and speaks about the fulfillment of God's promise and of John
- Lk2:25-27 – HS on **Simeon**, revealed by HS, led into temple by S.
- These were all confirming signs to the reality of the coming of Messiah; an old woman, an old priest, an old man

### II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

#### A. Incarnation

- o Lk1:35 (Mary) – **with child** by the HS, Spirit will come upon you; (overshadow used to describe cloud coming over disciples) – creation hovering, Ex40:35 Ps90:4
- o That Holy One will be called the Son of God; not a physical procreation, but supernatural and spiritual
- o The same Spirit who created the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam out of the dust created the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam in the womb of a virgin
- o Mt1:20 (Joseph) – v.23 "God with us"

#### B. Baptism

- o Lk3:21-23 – S. coming like a dove; beginning of ministry at 30 yrs; primarily witness of John (Jn1:29-34)

#### C. Temptation

- o Lk4:1 – result was **filling**; then **led/drove** (Mk) by S. into the wilderness; Satan was means of temptation
- o Lk4:14 – Jesus **returned** in the power of the S.

#### D. Rejoicing

- o Lk10:21 – Jesus **rejoiced** in the Spirit

#### E. Resurrection

- o Rom8:11 – the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead

### III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE TEACHING OF JOHN

- Mt3:11– One coming who will **baptize** with HS (and fire)

- the Holy One has come, the Lord Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit's work in conjunction with His life is clear
- To properly honor Christ we must also honor the work of the Spirit in Him
- we will be coming back and seeing much more of His work in the teachings of Jesus in relation to Himself as well as the future outpouring of the Spirit upon His disciples
- Christianity is a supernatural religion – where there is the work of the Spirit there are things possible with God that are impossible with men
- Do you believe in the virgin birth, the incarnation, the resurrection? That same Spirit is available to you as a believer to work things that are supernatural, most fundamentally the change of your character into the likeness of Jesus Christ
- What do you need? In marriage, work, family, suffering – a primary reason Jesus died, in addition to your forgiveness, was to give the blessing of the Spirit and His work to you (will become evident later)
- There is no reason for despair; there is reason for hope; yes, you may be tempted (as was Jesus), but you can also be filled and led into increasing victory over sin
- if you are not a believer...