

Lesson 11:

A. Concerning the Savior

1. Begotten by the Holy Spirit

- Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- Matthew 1:18-20 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found **with child of the Holy Ghost**. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her **is of the Holy Ghost**.

In order for Jesus to be a pure and holy sacrifice for the sins of the world, he had to be born pure and holy and remain that way. This is what theologians refer to as "The Incarnation." **Incarnation** simply means "**the act of being made flesh**." The term comes from the Latin rendering of **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:14 et Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam eius gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre plenum gratiae et veritatis

Jesus is the 2nd person of the Trinity and is God robed in flesh. The Holy Ghost "came upon" Mary and enabled the God man to become flesh.

Some have tried to make this event of the Holy Ghost sexual in nature, however, that is not the case. Just as in the first creation of man, God used dirt and breath to create him. **Gen 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. There was nothing sexual in nature of that creation and there is nothing sexual in nature with the conception of Jesus. The same breath that created Adam is the same breath that caused Jesus to be born in Mary.

2. Anointed by the Holy Spirit

- Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God descending like a dove**, and lighting upon him:

We have already discussed this in our past studies and also mention that in the Gospel of Luke it says: **Luk 3:22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Neither of these verses say that an actual dove descended on Jesus, but that it was "like a dove." Meaning the shape or appearance that they saw resembled a dove. For whatever reason, God wanted people to see this event so their would be no doubt that this Jesus was different than any other man they have ever seen.

- Luke 4:18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Here, Jesus was in the Synagogue of his own hometown and he was reading from the Book of Isaiah. Specifically **Isa 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*; What he was doing was pointing out to his own people that He Himself was this Messiah that was prophesied about in the Book of Isaiah. Of course we know this did not go over well with the people and when Jesus finished speaking the Bible says this: **Luke 4:28-30**: And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

- Acts 10:38 How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost** and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Here again is another reference of Jesus being the Messiah. This time it is Peter preaching to the Gentiles and proclaiming that Jesus had been anointed by God – that means he was set apart and sent for special service. This anointing was done by the Holy Ghost.

- Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy **God, hath anointed thee with the oil** of gladness above thy fellows.

The anointing again is reference to being set apart. The Hebrew writer is explaining the reason God sent His Son into the world.

3. Sealed by the Holy Spirit

- John 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: **for him hath God the Father sealed.**

This sealing means "God's approval." He has approved His Son to be the One to bring everlasting life to man.

4. Led by the Holy Spirit

- Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus **led up of the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

One of the greatest examples of the Lord Jesus being obedient to the Holy Spirit. He allows the Spirit to lead him.

5. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

- Matthew 12:28 But if **I cast out devils by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

- **Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit to empower him:** Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

6. Filled by the Holy Spirit

- **Christ came with the filling of the Holy Spirit:** John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.
- Luke 4:1 And Jesus being **full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

7. Sorrowed in the Holy Spirit

- John 11:33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit**, and was troubled,

8. Rejoiced in the Holy Spirit

- Luke 10:21 In that hour **Jesus rejoiced in spirit**, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

9. Offered Himself at Calvary by the Holy Spirit

- Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit offered himself** without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

10. Raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit

- 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, **but quickened by the Spirit:**

11. Commanded his disciples after His resurrection through the Holy Spirit

- Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he **through the Holy Ghost** had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

12. Baptizes each believer into the spiritual body of Christ by the Holy Spirit

- 1 Corinthians 12:13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been **all made to drink into one Spirit**.

13. Will someday return and raise the dead in Christ through the Holy Spirit

- Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.