

JUSTIFICATION

The Holy Spirit had a part in Christ's work of Justification (I Timothy 3:16).

EIGHTH STUDY

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CONNECTION IN THE BIRTH AND LIFE OF CHRIST

THE CONCEPTION (Matthew 1: 18,20; Luke 1:35)

The miracle of the Conception of Jesus was due to the action of the Holy Spirit.

1. In Matthew 1:18, 20, there are two ways the Conception is explained. What are they?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. In Luke 1:35, the angel explains the Conception to Mary before it happens. What does he say?

OUR LORD'S BAPTISM (Mark 1:10; Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:22; John 1:32,33; Acts 10:38)

At our Lord's Baptism there was a visible proof that the Spirit was resting on Him.

THE TEMPTATION (Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1)

It was under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit that Christ passed through the stress of temptation.

THE INCARNATION

There are many references to the work of the

Holy Spirit in the Incarnation (the embodiment of God in human form, as in the Person of Jesus; see ref. LMSB, The Life of Christ, p. 20).

BEGINNING OF CHRIST'S MINISTERIAL

WORK (Luke 4:14,18; Matthew 12:28; ref. see LMSB, The Life of Christ, p. 33)

It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that He began and continued His ministerial work (Luke 4:1,17,18); and it was through the Spirit that His miracles were performed (Matthew 12:28).

This gift of the Holy Spirit was not for our Lord alone, but was to be imparted by him to His disciples and to the whole Church throughout the Church age (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33).

1. In Matthew 3:11 and in Luke 3:16, John the Baptist said, ...*He (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.* In Mark 1:8 and also in John 1:33 John said, ...*with the Holy Ghost.* Are they all saying the same thing, or are they different? What do you think? (p.42)

Fire, here, represents zeal and the refining power of the Holy Ghost (Luke 3:16; Isaiah 4:3,4; Psalm 104:4; Malachi 3:1-4; John 2:17; Acts 2:3; Matthew 3:11).

Our Lord's forerunner, John, who spoke many of the previous verses, was 'filled with the Spirit' (Luke 1:15), and so were his parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth (Luke 1:41).

2. Who is the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost? (Matthew 3:11) _____
3. Jesus received guidance as He began His ministerial work. Who gave Him that guidance? (Study Guide, p. 42) _____
4. Through Whom was Jesus' miracles performed? (Study Guide, p. 42) _____
5. In the New Testament, who were the first two persons to be filled with the Holy Ghost? (Luke 1:41) _____

OFFERING UP OF CHRIST

1. In Hebrews 9:14, through whom did Christ offer Himself without spot to God? _____

Jesus was not trapped into an untimely, tragic death; He gave Himself willingly, knowing every moment that He had power to reject the Cross. The Holy Spirit is eternal, and One with the Father and the Son (I John 5:7).

RESURRECTION

1. In Romans 1:4, does it say the Spirit had a part in the Resurrection of Christ? _____

In Romans 8:11, we find Paul stating it this way:

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.