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## Introduction to The Holy Spirit in The Life of Christ

### Introduction

In considering the Holy Spirit and our Lord, the theme is to be considered from several perspectives:

- a) Prophecies concerning the Lord given by men through the Holy Spirit
- b) The work of the Holy Spirit in the person of Christ
- c) The prophecies concerning Christ yet to be fulfilled.
- d) Truths concerning the Holy Spirit given to us but which are applicable to Him

### Prophecies concerning the Lord given by men through the Holy Spirit

There is a possibility that it is impossible to count the direct written and spoken prophecies, and the prophetic illustrations given of our Lord in the Old Testament. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, our Lord said: "He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (Jn. 16:15), which has to do with the Holy Spirit in this age. However, this was not the first time the Holy Spirit had taken the things concerning our Lord to reveal them to man. He had been doing it for some four thousand years! Dr. Luke records the Lord saying: "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man shall be accomplished" (Lk. 18:31-33). It is recorded when our Lord walked with the two on the Emmaus Road He spoke of His sufferings: "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself" (Lk. 24:27). Again we read: "All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me" (Lk. 24:44). We can only give a few of them:

#### **1) The Holy Spirit gave prophecies concerning the Lord's ancestry:**

- a) He would come from the family of Jacob (Num. 24:17-19; Lk. 3:34)
- b) He would come from the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10; Heb. 7:14)
- c) He would come from the household of David (Isa. 11:1-2; Lk. 3:23-31)

#### **2) The Holy Spirit gave prophecies concerning His birth:**

- a) He would come from the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15; Matt. 1:18)
- b) The Holy Spirit revealed where the Lord would be born (Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1)
- c) The Holy Spirit revealed his coming out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; Matt. 2:14-15)

#### **3) The Holy Spirit gave prophecies concerning His character:**

- a) He would be God's righteous Servant (Isa. 53:11; Heb. 1:9)
- b) He would be marked by faithfulness as a steward of the things and those God gave Him (Isa. 11:5; Rev. 19:11)
- c) Meekness would be a characteristic (Isa. 11:1, 4; Matt. 11:29)

#### **4) The Holy Spirit gave prophecies concerning His offices:**

- a) He would be a Prophet (Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:20, 22)
- b) He would be a Preacher (Isa. 61:1; Matt. 4:17)
- c) He would be a King (Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:5)
- d) He would be a Priest (Psa. 110:4; Heb. 5:5-6)

#### **5) The Holy Spirit gave prophecies concerning His rejection, death, and resurrection:**

- a) He would be betrayed (Psa. 41:9; Jn. 13:21)
- b) He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15)
- c) He would be forsaken by God (Psa. 22:1; Matt. 27:46)
- d) He would bear the sins of many (Isa. 53:10-12; Mk. 10:45)
- e) He would be raised from the dead (Psa. 16:10; Acts 2:32)

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### 6) He would be exalted:

- a) He ascended on high (Psa. 68:18; Lk. 24:51; Eph. 4:8)
- b) He is at the right hand of God (Psa. 110:1; Acts 2:34-35)

### The work of the Holy Spirit in the person of Christ

#### The Holy Spirit would:

- a) Anoint the Lord (Isa. 61:1; Lk. 4:18; Acts 10:38)
- b) Rest on the Lord (Isa. 11:1-3; Jn. 1:32)
- c) Overshadowed Mary for the conception of the baby (Lk. 1:35)
- d) Sealed Him (Jn. 6:27)
- e) Was not given by measure unto Him (Jn. 3:34)
- f) Led Him into the wilderness (Lk. 4:1)
- g) Enable Him to do the miracles (Matt. 12:28)
- h) Offered Himself through the eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14)
- i) Was raised by the Spirit of holiness (Rom. 1:4)
- j) He came out of the wilderness in the power of the Spirit (Lk. 4:14)
- k) Ascension and glorification was assured by the coming of the Spirit (Jn. 7:39)

### The prophecies concerning Christ yet to be fulfilled:

- a) His coming in glory (Jude 1:14; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 19:11-21)
- b) His subjection of all opposing forces (Psa. 98:9; Jn. 5:22, 27)
- c) His future reign (Dan. 7:14; Lk. 19:12; Rev. 1:5; 20:4)

### Truths concerning the Holy Spirit given to us but which are applicable to Him

#### The Lord:

- a) Was bound in the spirit (Acts 20:22)
- b) The Lord was constrained by love (2 Cor. 5:14)
- c) Was guided by the Holy Spirit receiving His communication from God through the Spirit, therefore would have known the persistent seeking to hinder His fellowship with God by Satan (Isa. 50:4)
- d) He knew what it was to “pray” in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18)
- e) The fruit of the Spirit was fully manifested in Him (Gal. 5:22-23)

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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