



WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: “What He has Done”

August 29, 2005 the hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Louisiana. The levee was breached sending tons and tons of water putting New Orleans and neighboring areas ten to twenty feet underwater. The devastation is terrible as thousands were caught in the midst of the deluge. Reflecting on what happened here are some thoughts that came to my mind.

1. Man has no control over nature.
2. Those who died and suffered were:
 - a. Those who did not believe the warning
 - b. Those who took the warning lightly
 - c. Those who assume that they will be fine
 - d. Those who refuse to leave. They believe the warning but they refuse to leave the danger they are in and move to safety.
 - e. Those who don't have the means to move out because they never prepare themselves when they have enough time to prepare.
3. What matters most in life is not the material things we have, but the eternal blessings that God gave us, they are our eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Word of God the provision of our life, and the Holy Spirit who is our constant companions and comforter.

On the first lesson about the Holy Spirit, we search the scriptures to know who is the Holy Spirit and we discovered that the Holy Spirit is god and one of the three persons in the Godhead. We also discovered that the Holy Spirit is a person with a mind, emotion, and will. Therefore, it is a must that we have to treat and serve Him with reverence, respect, and in humility.

This lesson is designed to address the question “What are the Works of the Holy Spirit?” I divided His works into two parts: What He has done and What He is doing. We will study first what the Holy Spirit has done.

WHAT DID THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

I. AT THE CREATION

A. He is the Architect. He brought order, beauty, and harmony out of Chaos.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Psalms 104:30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

B. He is the life Giver

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

2 Corinthians 6:3 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

II. AT THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

A. Incarnation means In the Flesh – Literally, “en-fleshment”
[Latin *carnis* – “flesh”]

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. He cause the virgin and miraculous conception of Mary.

Luke 1:34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" **35**The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Matthew 1:20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21**She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

C. The purpose of Incarnation: To bring us a Savior (Our Greatest Need)

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If your greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest

need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasures, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior (Author Unknown).

III. AT THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

A. At His Baptism

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

B. After His Baptism

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

C. At His Ministry

Luke 4:16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. **17**The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: **18**"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, **19**to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**20**Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, **21**and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

IV. AT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

A. 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.

B. Ephesians 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19**and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, **20**which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21**far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

V. AT THE WRITING OF THE BIBLE – He Inspires and provides the right words to the writer

A. 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

B. 2 Peter 1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **21**For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

CONCLUSION

Knowing what the Holy Spirit has done brings comfort, confidence and awe to my heart knowing that the Helper sent by Jesus Christ to us on Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. It is a great honor to live our lives in the Holy Spirit.