

THE PROFESSOR

V. The Anointing

Our last article pointed us toward the *power* by which Jesus performed the signs, wonders and miracles which astounded everyone who saw them. His *authority* came as the result of being "The Son of Man." His power came from a special relationship with the Holy Spirit, a relationship available to every believer.

Matthew 3:13-15 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.

Matthew 3:16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, *and coming upon Him*,

Mark 1:10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and **the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him**;

John 1:32 And John bore witness saying, "I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and **He remained upon Him**."

Immediately, the Spirit led or drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted.

Jesus taught His disciples that there are three possible relationships with the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because **He abides with you, and will be in you.**

Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has **come upon you**;

With you – literally, "by your side."

In you – literally, "in you."

Come upon you – gr. *eperchomai*, ep-er'-khom-ahee; to supervene, i.e. arrive, occur, impend, attack, (fig.) influence:-come (in, upon). (Strong's Concordance)

With, In, Upon – so much hinges on these three little prepositions.

In the Old Testament there are very few references to the Spirit being "in" anyone. By far the predominant concept in the Old Testament is of the Spirit being, resting or coming *upon* someone. Actually, that idea is consistent with the New Testament concept of baptism and enduement.

One of the Old Testament pictures is that of being "clothed" with the Spirit.

Judges 6:34 So the Spirit of the LORD **came upon** Gideon

Came upon – heb. *labash*, law-bash'; or *labesh*, law-bashe'; a prim. root; prop. wrap around, i.e. (by impl.) to put on a garment or clothe (oneself, or another), lit. or fig.:-(in) apparel, arm, array (self), clothe (self), come upon, put (on, upon), wear. (Strong's)

The same idea is conveyed in the New Testament where Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem.

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are **clothed with** power from on high."

Clothed with – gr. *enduo*, en-doo'-o; from 1722 and 1416 (in the sense of sinking into a garment); to invest with clothing (lit. or fig.):-(array, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on. (Strong's)

Perhaps the best example of the three possible relationships with the Holy Spirit is a glass of water. You may carry a glass of water around for ever and it will be "with" you. However, if you drink some of the water, it will be "in" you. Now pour it over your head and it will be "upon" you.

The New Testament language exactly parallels this example.

1. **John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, That he may abide **with you** for ever.

Just as Jesus abode with and walked with and talked with His disciples, so the Holy Spirit, another Comforter (of the same kind) would **abide with** His disciples forever.

2. **John 7:37-39** Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, **'From his innermost being** shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When and where was this Holy Spirit given?

John 20:21-22 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Receive – gr. *lambano*, lam-ban'-o; a prol. form of a prim. verb, which is used only as an alt. in certain tenses; to take (in very many applications, lit. and fig. [prop. obj. or act., to get hold of;

After Jesus breathed on them He gave the disciples a command, "Take the Holy Spirit!" The interesting thing about this event is that the word "breathed" is translated from a Greek word used only here in the New Testament. It is, however, used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament to translate a Hebrew word used in **Genesis 2:7**.

Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and **breathed into** his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

There can be little doubt that the Apostle John, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was acknowledging the "new creation" spoken of by Paul in **II Corinthians 5:17**.

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is a new creature ...*

In other words, drinking or breathing in the Holy Spirit initiates the new life.

3. Luke 3:16 John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will **baptize you** with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit **has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Can one honestly say there is no difference between the salvation experience where he receives the Holy Spirit within and Holy Spirit Baptism where the Holy Spirit comes upon and endues him with power?

Now, we can finally put the pieces together. Jesus was conceived of the Spirit. Thus He lived all His life with the Holy Spirit within. Jesus had authority because He was the Son of Man. Being the "Seed of the woman" He fulfilled all prophecy concerning the Messiah. Then, at the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit came upon Him giving Him the power to finish the work He was sent to do. After His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus imparted to His disciples His resurrection life when He breathed on them.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples enabling them to continue the work of Jesus. Then, and only then, could the disciples fulfill the promise Jesus gave them concerning the "works" that He did.

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

The only way to do the works Jesus did was to have the same relationship with Him that He had with the Father.

John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for **apart from Me you can do nothing**.

Just as Jesus could do nothing of Himself "apart from the Father" even so neither can we do anything "apart from Him."

I like the way Paul expressed it in Galatians 2:20

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

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