



Did Jesus Need The Holy Spirit? – Week 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In the second message of the series entitled, *Entheos: God's Spirit, Your Life*, we discover how and why the Holy Spirit came upon the Son of God, and our Savior, Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Entheos [*in-thee-oss*] comes from two Greek words—'en' meaning *in*, and 'theos' meaning *God*. These two words together mean, 'God within.' It's also the root word for 'enthusiasm'. When God lives within us, we have enthusiasm, passion, and zeal for life.

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus

1. The Spirit descends.

"When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

In these verses, Jesus is being baptized by John the Baptist. At this time, Jesus has not begun His ministry. The ministry of Jesus did not start until He came to the Jordan river, was baptized by John, and the Holy Spirit came upon Him.

Jesus was baptized to model to us His act of submission and great humility. When Jesus came out of the water, God empowered Him as He sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon Him.

- Why was it important for Jesus to be baptized?

Jesus didn't do miracles as the Son of God, but as the Son of man. He performed miracles as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit. Only after the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus do we see any recorded miracles Jesus performed.

The *anointing* is the presence and manifestation of the Holy Spirit when He comes upon us and empowers us for works of service. Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit as His source of power and strength to help people.

- Why must we rely on the Holy Spirit as our source of power?

2. The Spirit announced.

Luke 4:18-19 says, “**The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.**” Verse 21 goes on: **And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’**”

The *assignment* was given by the Father, *accepted* by the Son, and *fulfilled* through the working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus confined Himself to live within the limits of humanity operating by the gifts of the Holy Spirit that He might be a perfect example of *Entheos* to us.

- Why did Jesus choose to rely on the Holy Spirit instead of Himself?
- In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit work through you?

3. The Spirit demonstrated.

“When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.” (Luke 4:40)

By the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, Jesus routinely healed the sick and helped hurting people. **Acts 10:38** says, “**...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.**”

Because Jesus performed His ministry as the Son of man, we can be encouraged that God can use our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. As believers, we can do the same works Jesus did. Jesus says in **John 14:12**:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

- How can we position ourselves to do the greater works that Jesus speaks of in this verse?

Life Challenge

Luke 24:49 says, “**Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**” Jesus is saying to wait for God’s power to meet us every day. Each day, position yourself to receive God’s power to do good in your home, community, and the world.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for modeling how to walk daily in the power of the Holy Spirit. Give us boldness and wisdom as we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us everywhere we go. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.