

JESUS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Philippians 2:5-8 (gw) Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Although He was in the form of God and equal with God, He did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, He emptied Himself, by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance. He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.

Paul describes the process where Jesus became like man known as “kenosis”.

“*emptied Himself*” means that Jesus voluntarily laid aside His heavenly attributes and limited Himself only to such abilities that are natural to any other human.

The kenosis is the act of Jesus taking on human nature with all its limitations, except with **no sin**.

Jesus chose **not** to use His heavenly attributes and abilities on earth.

Jesus never ceased to be Godhead during any part of His earthly ministry.

Only as a man could Jesus truly represent mankind as our High Priest.

*Hebrews 2:17 (gnb) This means that **He had to become like His people in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in His service to God, so that the people's sins would be forgiven.***

As a man, Jesus was lacking the necessary abilities to fulfil His mission given to Him by God.

Jesus needed the ability power of the Holy Spirit - as we do.

Luke 4:18-19 (ncv) “The Lord has put His Spirit in Me, because He appointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives they are free and to tell the blind that they can see again. God sent me to free those who have been treated unfairly¹⁹ and to announce the time when the Lord will show His kindness.”

Jesus retained His divine identity but surrendered His divine attributes.

Although Jesus was fully aware of His divine identity, He voluntarily chose to act within the confines of **‘human nature and ability.’**

Jesus lived His earthly life only in such strength and ability as His humanity provided. **He met life on the same terms as we meet life!**

Jesus’ Example

As a man, Jesus endured the same temptations and enemy we meet and mastered them with the same weapons that are available to us.

Those weapons are:

- **Prayer:** *Mathew 6:5-15* Jesus instructs the disciples how to pray.
- **God's Word:** Jesus answered, "*It is written*" four times in *Luke 4* to neutralise Satan's temptations.

- Holy Spirit Baptism

Luke 4:1 (nlt) Then Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, left the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness

Luke 4:14 (nlt) Then Jesus returned to Galilee, **filled with the Holy Spirit's power**. Soon He became well known throughout the surrounding country.

- Jesus was "*full of the Holy Spirit*" **Luke 4:1**
- He ministered "*in the power of the Spirit*" **Luke 4:14**
- He had the Spirit "*without measure*" **John 3:34**

It was **essential** for Jesus to be equipped with the enabling power of the Spirit.

In His ministry Jesus **demonstrated** the significance and activity of the Holy Spirit.

Did Jesus speak in Tongues? No!

Speaking in tongues was the sign of a new era introduced at Pentecost (*Acts 2*).

No one had ever spoken in tongues before the experience at Pentecost.

Jesus declared those who believed in Him would speak in tongues.

Mark 16:17 (nkjv) And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.

At his ascension Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit with the sign of tongues at Pentecost.

Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear (tongues).

Conclusion

- We identify that Jesus was born by the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 1:20*)
- His ministry was empowered by the Holy Spirit (*Luke 4:18*)

- He suffered and died in the enabling of the Holy Spirit (*Hebrews 9:14*)
- He was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit (*Romans 1:4; 8:11*)
- In His ascension, Jesus received the Holy Spirit from the Father and He gifted the Holy Spirit onto the Church (*Acts 2:33*)

There was a vital relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit throughout His life and ministry.

This relationship continues today between the Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ – you and I!