

mystery – simultaneously, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have different functions to perform that are distinctive to each

emphasis OT - Father Gospels - Son Pentecost to today – Holy Spirit
yet – Father, Son, Holy Spirit occur throughout

The Spirit’s Work from Creation to Bethlehem

Holy Spirit was at work in creation – Gen 1:2; Gen 2:7; Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30

Life-giving (breath) and feeding (crops) Deut 28:4,11

Salvation of Israel attributed to the Spirit of God

Blesses and curses – Luke 17:26

Took possession of certain people to deliver God’s people
(judges, prophets, kings)

He came upon them – 2 Chron 24:20

He rested upon them – Num 11:25

He filled them – Exod 31:3

Might withdraw when the chosen one disobeyed

Saul – I Sam 16:14; Samson – Judges 16:20; David – Ps 51:11

Prophesized Jesus to be King: Isa 61:1; Luke 4:21

The Spirit’s Work from Bethlehem to Pentecost

Gospels – Holy Spirit centered around the person of Jesus Christ

Begotten of the Spirit – Luke 1:35 (virgin birth emphasized)

Baptized by the Spirit – John 1:32, 33

Led by the Spirit – Luke 4:1

Anointed by the Spirit – Luke 4:18

Empowered by the Spirit – Matt 12:27,28

Atonement for sin by the Spirit – Heb 9:14

Raised by the Spirit – Rom 8:11

Gave commandments by the Spirit – Acts 1:2

At work among the disciples of Jesus before Pentecost

John 14:17; John 3:3,7

Work differs from today – John 7:39

The Spirit’s Work from Pentecost till Now

Jesus ascends into heaven - Acts 1:9-11

Holy Spirit descends to earth – Acts 2:14; John 16:7; Acts 2:33

Proof that Jesus had entered the heavenly sanctuary

Turning point in the history of God’s dealing with humans

The Incarnation

The Atonement

The Resurrection

The Ascension

Pentecost

The Second Coming of Jesus

Three main festivals where all males were required to appear before Lord
 "The Feast of Passover" – escape from slavery
 "The Feast of Tabernacles" – lived in tents during Exodus – harvest
 "The Feast of Weeks" – Pentecost – "fiftieth" day after Passover
 beginning of the harvest

The Holy Spirit's Present Work in the World

1. He has come to reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment
 John 16:7-11 (sin is the root, sins are the fruit)
 Work to disturb and convict humans of their sins
 Work to convince humans that Jesus is the righteousness of God
 Work to convict the world that all will be judged if refuse God
2. To hinder the growth of lawlessness in the world
 2 Thess 2:7 (Holy Spirit restrains evil on earth!)
 Is Holy Spirit being gradually withdrawn from the world?
 Holy Spirit acts through the people of God
 Matt 5:13,14 (salt prevents decay; light dissipates darkness)

The Holy Spirit's Work in the Church

- "Church" – Greek – "called together ones"
 OT – Isa 28:16 NT – I Peter 2:5
1. The Church was brought into being by the Holy Spirit – I Cor 12:13,14
 2. The Spirit God lives in the Church – Eph 2:22
 As the God-man, Jesus is in a glorified body – right hand of God
 Christ dwells in our hearts by faith
 The Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity who actually dwells in us
 3. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to specific people in the Church "for equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12).
 Everyone has at least one spiritual gift (to be discussed later)

The Holy Spirit's Work in the Believer's Life

1. The Holy Spirit illumines (enlightens) the Christian's mind
 Searches – I Cor 2:10 Renewed – Rom 12:2; Eph 4:23
2. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian's body
 Temple - I Cor 6:19 Discipline - I Cor 9:27
3. Comforts, guides, sanctifies, leads
 Acts 9:31; John 16:13; Rom 15:16; Acts 13:2