

YOU'VE GOT HELP
(The Ministry of the Holy Spirit)
Part 4: The Holy Spirit's Involvement New Testament

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

A. Pre and post birth

1. The Holy Spirit at conception
2. The Holy Spirit encouraged Mary during her pregnancy (*Luke 1:39-43 NKJV*)
3. The Holy Spirit confirmed Jesus at His dedication (*Luke 2:25-30 NKJV*)

B. The early ministry of Jesus

1. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (*Luke 3:16 NKJV*)
2. We see the Holy Spirit on Jesus at the start of His ministry (*Luke 3:21-22 NKJV*)
3. Jesus referenced the Holy Spirit's equipping Him to help people (*Luke 4:18 NKJV*)
(*Acts 10:38 NKJV*)

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS THE EARLY CHURCH

A. He was instrumental in reaching out to the Gentiles (*Acts 10:19-20 NKJV*)

1. The Jewish believers did not consider Gentiles within the sphere of salvation
2. It required a vision and direct command from the Holy Spirit to open that door

B. He helped guide the early church into a major decision regarding the nations (*Acts 15:28 NKJV*)

1. The early church used the scriptures and the direct involvement of the Holy Spirit

C. He helped steer Paul into God's plan for his life and ministry (*Acts 16:6-8 NKJV*)

1. Paul had developed a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and His leadings
2. Paul also had a willingness in him to yield

D. The Holy Spirit has not lost any of His capacity to help us

1. He still has insight into things we are blind to
2. He can still help us make decisions
3. He can still lead us into God's best for our lives - we have to also be willing