

Doctrine of the Sustaining Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Messiah

1. The sustaining minister of the Messiah by the Holy Spirit was spoken of in prophecy.
 - *Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*
 - *Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*
 - *Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.*
2. The Holy Spirit was given without measure to the Messiah. This meant that Jesus Christ enjoyed the constant and unhindered filling of the Spirit, for He never sinned against the Holy Spirit.
 - *John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*
3. The Holy Spirit was visibly manifested in the form of a dove at the baptism of Jesus.
 - *Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*
4. The Holy Spirit empowered and sustained Christ during the days of His humiliation so that Jesus was able to stand in judgment upon others, cast out devils, teach with authority, heal the brokenhearted, recover the sight of the blind, and set free souls bound to sin.
 - *Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.*
 - *Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

- *Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.*
 - *Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
5. The sustaining ministry of Christ never ceased, even when Christ was bearing our sins at Calvary, or the great work of redemption could never have been accomplished. In His humanity, on the Cross, Christ cried out in despair and anguish, yet by the Spirit, He endured to the bitter end.
- *Psalms 22:1 To the chief Musician upon Ai'-je-leth Sha'-har, A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*
 - *Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

Special Note.

It is true that Jesus asked, “*Why hast thou forsaken me?*”, but that does not mean God did forsake His Son. There is a big difference between asking, and asserting something to be true. Though the gospels do not record an answer to the question of Christ at Calvary, Psalm 22:24 does. The Father did not despise, or hide His face from His Son.

“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

For He (God the Father) has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him, but has listened to his cry for help.

“The Holy Spirit ever leads us to the cross. It was so with Christ. The Spirit taught him and enabled him to offer himself without spot to God” (Andrew Murray).

God cannot look upon sin with favor or approval, He obviously beholds the sin of every soul including the sins that Christ bore in His own body by way of substitution.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

6. In the death of Christ the Holy Spirit was present, and in the Lord’s resurrection the Holy Spirit was active.
- *Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

- *1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

7. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit in relation to Jesus Christ is to glorify Him.

- *John 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*