

Topic: Jesus & The Holy Spirit

Scriptural References

Jesus - John 14:16, 17:8, 3:16-18, 11:25-26, 10:9, 16:13, 15:26, 1 Cor 15:55-57, 12:3, 1 Peter 1:3, Matt 12:2, 12:28, 16:21, 28:18, Romans 10:9-13, 15:19, Acts 1:8, Hebrews 4:14, 4-10, 1 Tim 2:5.

Biblical Explanation

Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to save the world (John 3:17) and the Father sends the Holy Spirit to continually help His people. Prophet, priest, and king are three of the many roles Jesus fills that bring forth both God's kingdom and our salvation. As a prophet, Jesus relays to humanity God's instructions and desires. These truths are aimed at putting people back in line with God's design and are shared whether we accept it, reject it, or ignore it. Jesus communicates God's desires through quoting scripture as well as speaking God the Father's plans. Jesus also was prophetic in that He spoke of things to come, which are future events that are fulfilled at a later date to advance God's kingdom and lead humanity toward repentance and worship (Matt 16:21). Jesus being a prophet gives us assurance in our ability to trust Him and safety in knowing God is working through Him for our good (Acts 1:8).

Jesus is a priest who serves as the mediator or the connector between man and God (1 Tim 2:5). The role of the priest was to present a ritual or an act that would appease God's zeal for justice. An animal could stand in the place of God's people and would serve a sacrifice that would receive the pain and death that sinful people deserved. The problem was with every sin, there was a need for a new sacrifice. Jesus is a priest because He presented the sacrifice to God on behalf of humanity and served as the final sacrifice in offering Himself to die that His people might live (Hebrews 4:14; chapters 4-10) and never need another sacrifice. Jesus conquered death and provided us victory and that priestly function affords His people everlasting life (1 Cor 15:55-57).

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords, which means His reign (extent of His oversight) and rule (extent of His power) have no limits. All authority in heaven and earth is given to Jesus (Matt 28:18) and one of the clearest displays of His authority is the resurrection. Jesus conquers death and His perfection was not compromised because of death but His authority was confirmed when He was resurrected—demonstrating that not even death had power over Him. As King, Jesus extends that opportunity to have everlasting life, which is the benefit of the resurrection to those that would believe in Him (John 11:25-26). His kingly function is our eternal reward.

Jesus saves us and provides eternal life for humanity and He gives those that believe in Him a helper in the Holy Spirit to guide and lead throughout life (John 14:16).

Three of the many roles that the Holy Spirit operates in are teacher, extender of power, and comforter. The Holy Spirit teaches and guides God's people into truth and understanding of Jesus and provides clarity and understanding of what Jesus expects (John 16:13). This help is critical and essential for believers who need direction on advancing God's plan and protection in order to overcome Satan's wicked schemes. The Holy Spirit also extends the power of God in our human world to validate Jesus' ministry (Roman 15:19, Matt 12:28). The Holy Spirit uses power and miracles to remind us of God's ability to operate in ways that are beyond our understanding and to remind of us to remain faithful to Jesus' kingdom agenda. In a fallen world that is plagued by sin and hurt, the Holy Spirit operates as comforter. The Holy Spirit provides comfort by connecting the people of God to Jesus who is our peace. The comforting care of the Holy Spirit is like that of a nurse who says, "the doctor will see you now." The Holy Spirit is constantly "bearing witness" to Jesus as the place where we find rest, restoration, and reconciliation (John 15:26).

Main Points

- Jesus worked as a Prophet who told humanity God's instruction and desires.
- Jesus served as a Priest that presented the sacrifice to God to reconcile people to God and served as the final sacrifice.
- Jesus is King of all and His power and might was displayed when He conquered death and rose from the dead to live forever. He extends eternal life through His resurrection to those who believe in Him.
- The Holy Spirit is a teacher of God's people providing understanding of Jesus' plans for kingdom advancement.
- The Holy Spirit is an extender of God's power which reminds us of God's reign and rule and validates that Jesus is worthy of our worship and our lives.
- The Holy Spirit is a comforter that ushers those that believe in Jesus into the compassion, rest, and peace that Jesus offers.

Suggested Questions

- How would you explain the difference between Jesus being a prophet, priest, and king?
- Which role of Jesus (prophet, priest, king) ministers to you the most in this season of life? Why?
- How do you benefit from the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- How would you explain the difference between the Holy Spirit being a teacher, extender of power, and comforter?

- Based on your journey in Christ, what role of the Holy Spirit would bless you most at this time? Why?
- Are there unique ways that you have seen Jesus or The Holy Spirit operate in one of the above roles that confirmed or grew your faith or helped you share your faith?

Additional Resources

- Song: William McDowell - Falling On My Knees
- Website: gotquestions.org
- Book: Pratney, W. A. *The Nature and Character of God.*
- Sermon: Pastor Tony Evans - Youtube - The Holy Spirit