

Christmas 2021 - Influenced by the Holy Spirit

Eight days after his birth, He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, and his parents took Him to Jerusalem to present him to the LORD - two doves (Lev 12 if **she cannot afford a lamb**, two turtledoves or two pigeons)

Luk 2:25-30 Now there was a man [**an ordinary man**] in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was **righteous** and **devout**, **waiting** for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him**. 26 And it had been **revealed** to him **by the Holy Spirit** that **he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ**. 27 And **he came in the Spirit into the temple**, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

→ (then he prophesied [*i.e. spoke by the Holy Spirit*] to Mary)

(Man of Character)**RIGHTEOUS** = equitable in character **DEVOUT** = pious - (man of the word "Waiting")

- (1) Holy Spirit **UPON** him vs 25... (2) **REVEALED** to him vs 26... (3) and **LED** him vs 27

He comes upon us because He wants to do His work through us

- Jdg 14:6 The Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him [Samson] so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands...
- 1Sa 10:6 [*Samuel told Saul*] ... The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and **you will prophesy** with them; and you will be **changed into a different person**.
- Act 1:4-8 ESV And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

He reveals things because He wants us to understand the depths and thoughts of God

1Co 2:9-12 ESV But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 10 these things God has **revealed to us through the Spirit**. For **the Spirit searches everything**, even **the depths of God**. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends **the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God**, that we might understand **the things freely given us by God**.

- Joh 14:26 ESV But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things** and bring to your **remembrance all that I have said to you**.
- Joh 16:13-14 ESV When **the Spirit of truth** comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and **he will declare to you the things that are to come**. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

He leads us because He has a purpose, a plan and a will

Psa 143:10 ESV **Teach me** to do **your will**, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit **lead me** on level ground!

SUMMARY

May the Holy Spirit come upon me - that I may carry out His work in His power and His way

May the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, teach me and guide me into all truth and even declare things to come

Teach me to do your will - Let Your good Spirit lead me