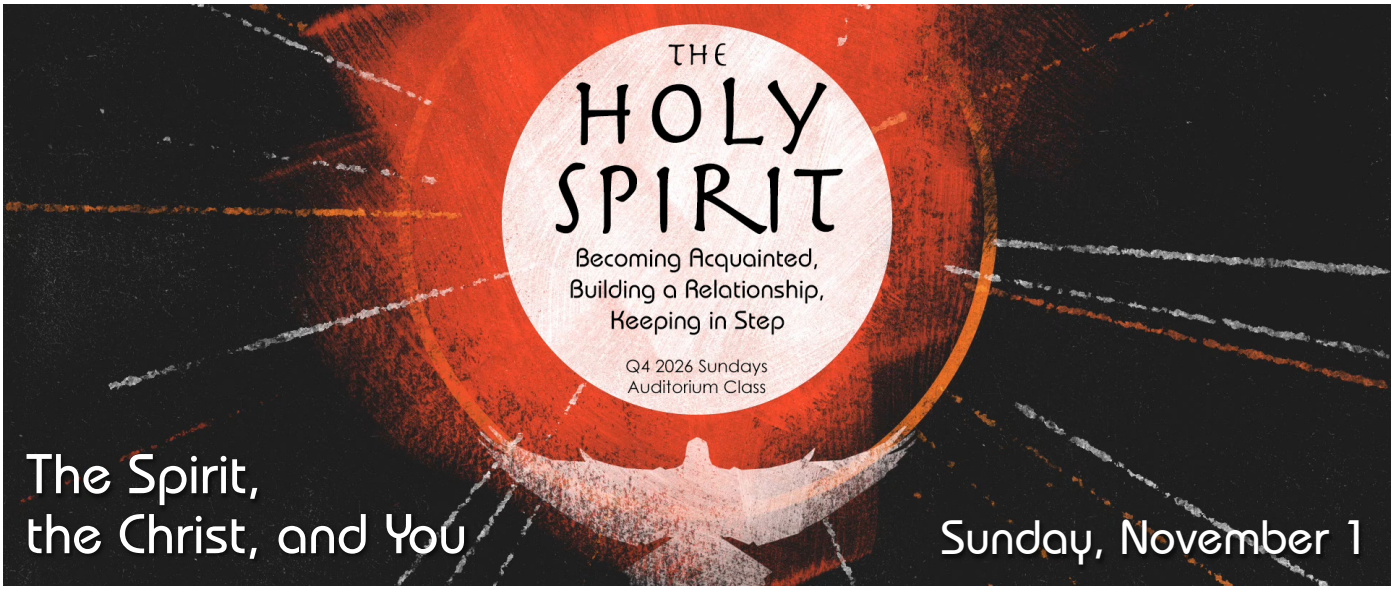
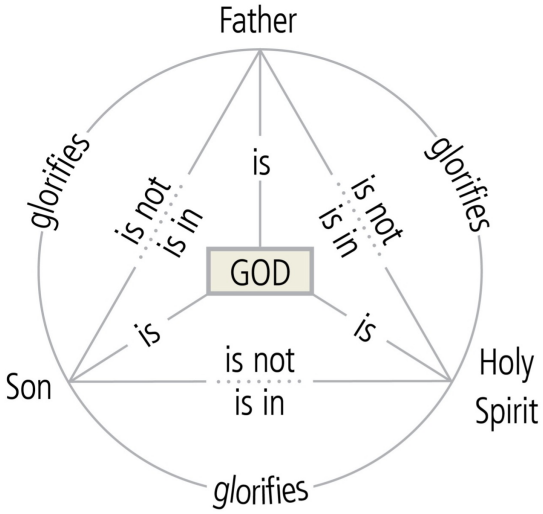


Having spent a little bit of time becoming acquainted with the Holy Spirit, we need to turn our attention to the amazing opportunity to build a relationship with the Spirit. We quickly find in the pages of God's written revelation to mankind that the Spirit has acted first. The Spirit has been laying the groundwork and making the opportunity possible long before we were ever born.

In our next lesson, we'll explore the Spirit's work in the inspiration, documentation, and preservation of what we call the Bible, but let's start with where we can see the Spirit at work in the life of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit and the birth of Jesus



- The Holy Spirit directed the _____ in foretelling Jesus' birth (Mic 3:8; 2 Pet 1:19-21).
  - The Christ was to be born in _____ (Mic 5:2).
  - The Christ was to be part of the tribe of _____ (Gen 49:10).
  - The Christ was to come from the family line of _____ (Jer 23:5-6).
  - The Christ's kingdom would be established in "the _____ days" (Isa 2:2-3).
- The _____ of the Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:8-17).
- The Holy Spirit played a major role in the _____ of the Son of God (Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:26-35; Matt 1:18-23; Isa 7:14; Luke 1:39-45; John 1:14).

The Holy Spirit and the life of Jesus

- The revelation to _____ when Jesus was presented in the Temple (Luke 2:25-35).
- The descent of the Spirit at the _____ of Jesus (Luke 3:21-23).
- John the Baptist _____ Jesus as the Christ (John 3:22-36).
- The _____ of the Spirit (Luke 4:1-2,14-21; Matt 12:28; Acts 10:36-38).

The Holy Spirit and the death of Jesus

- Jesus offered himself without blemish to God _____ the Spirit (Heb 9:11-15).
- The Spirit of God _____ Jesus from the dead (Rom 8:9-11).
- The ascension and _____ of Jesus were announced by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:32-36).

What do you think? What can we learn from these references to the Spirit's involvement in the birth, life, and death of Jesus Christ?

As we begin focusing on building a relationship with the Holy Spirit, how would you describe or summarize the working together of the Spirit and the Son to make that relationship possible?

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