

PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT

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Introduction:

1. Three Supermen: Samson, Jesus, Christopher Reeve
2. This message will teach us about the presence of the Holy Spirit that gives us supernatural **supermen**.
Text: John 14:15-17

A. The PERSON of the Holy Spirit

1. Misconception about the Holy Spirit: He is not a **person**.
2. The characteristics of the Holy Spirit proving that He is a person.
 - a. His **intellect** or knowledge (1 Cor. 2:9-11; Rom. 8:27)
 - b. His **emotion** or feeling (Eph. 4:29-32; Acts 5:3)
 - c. His **will** or decision (1 Cor. 12:11 NKJV)

B. The POWER of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit empowered **Mary** to give birth to Jesus (Luke 1:26-31).
 - a. Mary's unique **privilege** as the mother of the Messiah.
 - b. Mary surrendered her **body** to be God's instrument.
 - c. Mary sacrificed her marriage **engagement** to Joseph to obey God.
 - d. Mary suffered **misunderstanding** for her virgin pregnancy of Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit empowered **Jesus'** ministry (Acts 10:38).
 - a. In His humanity, Jesus **relied** on the Holy Spirit to empower Him, although He was God in the flesh.
 - b. Jesus **emptied** Himself of His divine prerogatives and relied on the Holy Spirit (Phil. 2:5-11).
 - c. Doctor of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry from any seminary can never **replace** the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
3. The Holy Spirit empowered the apostolic church with "charismata" or spiritual **gifts** (1 Cor. 12:1-11 NKJV).
 - a. Another big misconception of the Holy Spirit: the ministry gifts of the Holy Spirit **ceased** when the New Testament was completed, based on the Cessationists' interpretation of 1 Cor. 13:8-10.
 - b. Why is this a misconception? 1 Cor. 14:1-5 and 1 Cor. 1:4-8 show the hermeneutical error of the Cessationists' view.

C. The PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit

1. Being God, the Holy Spirit is **omnipresent**.
2. This message is about the localized and manifest **presence** of the Holy Spirit in us believers (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:18-20).
3. Our challenge: 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Rom 12:1)

Conclusion: Back to the two Supermen: Samson and Jesus

1. Samson's **restoration** and revenge (Judges 16:25-30; Heb. 11:32)
2. Jesus, our Guarantor for **victory** (Heb. 2:18)

TABLETALK (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

1. Read: 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Rom. 8:27; Eph. 4:30; Acts 5:3; 1 Cor. 12:11 (NKJV)

Share your encouragements from the characteristics of the Holy Spirit as a Person who knows about you, who can feel how you treat Him, and who can will or decide what is best for you.

2. Read: Luke 1:26-31.

What insights for living have you learned from Mary's obedient response when she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus?

3. Read: Acts 10:38, Phil. 2:5-11.

What have you learned on Jesus' example who relied on the Holy Spirit to empower His earthly ministry, although He was God in the flesh?

4. Read: 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:18-20; 9:24-27; Rom. 12:1-2.

What do these Scriptures challenge you to do with your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit?

PRAY