

## The Gospel according to Luke – Part 7

### Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Prayer

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Gospel according to Luke. Our topic today: Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Prayer

Scripture Theme Song: “This is a faithful saying” (1 Timothy 1:15,17; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

- 1) Jesus and the Holy Spirit
  - a) Luke 3:21-22 – familiar, like a dove
  - b) Luke 1:35 – Holy Spirit active much earlier
  - c) Luke 2:25-32 – Holy Spirit identifies Jesus
  - d) Luke 4:1 – Holy Spirit leads Jesus
  - e) Luke 4:14 – the Holy Spirit empowers Jesus
  - f) Luke 4:18 – the Holy Spirit anoints Jesus
  - g) Luke 11:13 – the Holy Spirit is available to us
  - h) What lessons can we learn from Jesus about the importance of the Holy Spirit’s enabling presence?
  - i) Why is a sin against the Holy Spirit unforgivable? (John 16:7-8)
- 2) The prayer life of Jesus
  - a) Luke 3:21 – at His baptism
  - b) Luke 6:12-13 – when making an important decision
  - c) Luke 9:18 (Luke 22:31-32) – interceding for His disciples
  - d) Luke 9:28-36 – preparing for His sufferings and death
  - e) Luke 22:39-46 – in Gethsemane
  - f) Luke 23:46 – committing His life into God’s hands
  - g) What important lesson can we learn from the priority of prayer in the life of Jesus?
- 3) The Teaching of Jesus about prayer
  - a) Luke 11:1 What important insights can we gain from this request by the disciples?
  - b) Luke 11:2-4 (see also Matthew 6:9-13)
    - i) What important elements are included in this model prayer?
    - ii) Some Christians repeat this prayer over and over again. Is this what Jesus intended?
  - c) How not to pray – Matthew 6:5-8
  - d) What lesson can we learn from the illustration Jesus gives in Luke 11:5-8?
  - e) Why is persistence important? Luke 11:9-13
    - i) Are we trying to persuade God or change His heart?
    - ii) Is united prayer more powerful than prayer by individuals? Why? Why not?
  - f) Luke 18:9-14
    - i) How can we be certain that we are truly connecting with God and not just talking to ourselves?
    - ii) What promises from Scripture assure us that God listens attentively to our prayers?
    - iii) Why is pride such a hindrance to prayer?