

RECONCILIATION III

EFFECTED IN THE BODY OF
JESUS

JESUS & THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Special Moments of the Holy Spirit's Work in the Incarnation:
 - 1. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of his mother
- Matt 1: 20
- Creed

- 2. Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism
- “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt 3, Mark 1, Luke 3)
- Returns to Galilee in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4: 13)
- “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power“ (Acts 10: 38)

- 3a. Transfiguration of Jesus
- “As he prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. “ (Luke 9: 29)
- A prefiguring of His resurrection
- A preparation for his death (“exodus” Luke 9. 31)

- 3b. His Resurrection and Ascension
- “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.” (Acts 2: 33)
- Totally filled with the Holy Spirit and totally

JESUS REDEEMS US IN HIS

- In his passion, Jesus allows the full weight of human sin to fall on His whole being, bodily.
- Jesus does not complain, He refuses to blame others, He absorbs everything (see 1 Cor. 13).
- “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the

- “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
- Who committed no sin
- Nor was deceit found in His mouth
- Who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.” (1 Peter 2: 21 –

JEREMIAH & JESUS

Jeremiah has limits to his identification

“Yet they have dug a pit for my life. Remember how I stood before You to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them.” (Jer. 18:20). But then

“Forgive not their iniquity” (Jer. 18: 23).

Jesus has no limits: “forgive them ...” (Luke 23: 34).

We are redeemed by Jesus’s loving identification and by his courage to resist the pressures of the Sanhedrin, the Pharisees, the

INADEQUATE MODEL

- Huge weight of human sin
- No possibility of a merely human punishment being enough
- Needs a sacrifice of infinite value to atone
- Done by God-man
- With no inner connection, no identification, redemption is seen as a legal transaction
- In this model, Jesus does something for us but it is external to himself.

RIGHT MODEL

- Jesus becomes man in this place among this people at this time
- He **identifies** himself fully – through the Holy Spirit
- He takes upon himself the weight of sin
- The reconciliation with God is effected **in his own body** through the Holy Spirit
- Through sacrificial death & God raising

FOR US AND IN US

Through Holy Spirit we are baptized **into his death** (Rom. 6: 3)

Jesus has given his body to us and for us.
We become members of his life-giving body.
So we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.

We are not just beneficiaries, but participants –
totally by his gift and grace, by His Holy Spirit

QUESTIONS

How does this identification model

affect how we understand salvation?

affect how we can become
reconcilers?

What difference does the role of the Holy