1. **BB Warfield** describes the Old Testament as a darkened room full of furniture—-the furniture is there but not fully seen until the lights turn on in the New Testament. Only the light reveals what is in the room. **It is the same for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They were present in the Old Testament but hidden in the shadows until the light of the New Testament revealed them in their fullness**. There were, however, isolated moments in the Old Testament that were small flashes of light revealing a little of the truth. The revelation of God in Scripture comes progressively, and **Jesus himself is the one who fully reveals the Father**. In John 14 Jesus says “I and the Father are one.” There are few references in the Old Testament scriptures where God is referred to as a personal Father. In the Old Testament He was revealed only as the Father of creation and of the nation Israel. But in the revelation of Jesus in the New Testament, we see that we have the privilege of praying to ‘Our Father’.
2. **The same is true concerning the revelation of the Holy Spirit**. In John 14:17 Jesus says that he is going to ask his heavenly Father to give his disciples the Spirit of Truth. The ***world*** knows not the Holy Spirit, but Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit is *with* ***them***(in Jesus). **He reveals the *Spirit* to his disciples just as he revealed the *Father* to them.** “He dwells with them, but will soon be in them.” They knew the Spirit just as they knew the Father: he was present with them… in Jesus. The disciples observed Jesus’s fellowship with the Father and the Holy Spirit during the three years they were with him! That’s how the disciples knew the Father and Holy Spirit. **The same Holy Spirit the disciples had observed in Jesus, was the same Holy Spirit he would give them.**
3. **There were prophecies about this.**
   1. **Isaiah 11:2-3** told of the relationship of the Holy Spirit with the Messiah.
   2. The servant poems, **Isaiah 42, 49, 52, and 53** also spoke of the relationship of the Messiah and the Holy Spirit. In Isaiah 42, it was prophesied that Yahweh would uphold the Messiah and put his Spirit on him to bring justice.
   3. In **Isaiah 61:1-10** we see the Spirit being placed upon the Messiah. **All these point forward to when the Spirit would come upon the Lord Jesus Christ to equip, counsel and direct him**. The Holy Spirit was with Christ from his conception through his ascension and was his best friend.
4. **The Father works through the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ, and there are 4 points to take note of in particular.** We speak of the first two points in this session.
   1. **Jesus’s birth, infancy, and childhood.** 
      1. **Infancy** (Luke 1:31, 35) The Holy Spirit was part of Jesus’s conception. He came upon Mary, and the power of the most high overshadow her...a Virgin. There are echoes of Genesis here, where the Spirit came over the darkness. Like creation in Genesis, Jesus’s conception, incarnation, resurrection, and regeneration came in darkness and secrecy. **And Jesus is the beginning of a new creation.** The Holy Spirit hovering over Mary, who is pregnant with the one who will produce a spiritual exodus, reminds us of the glory cloud hovering over Moses in the tabernacle in the wilderness. It is truly amazing to consider that the Holy Spirit was present with Jesus in Mary’s womb, even before his heart had started to beat.
      2. **Childhood** (Luke 2) Jesus is in his Father’s house. Maybe his parents had taught him that that was where he would see the face of God. We see the Holy Spirit unveiling the face of God to Jesus. **And the Holy Spirit increased his standing and favor with God by giving Jesus wisdom and revelation.** Here the Holy Spirit is the counselor/Paraclete of Jesus, and is shaping Jesus’s life.
   2. **At Jesus’ baptism (**Luke 4) Jesus was filled with the Spirit and then led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **It was there that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus confronted and defeated the devil**. Jesus then returned from the wilderness victoriously in the power of the Spirit.