1. We tend to be self-centered about the Holy Spirit (what can he do for me??) instead of focusing on ***knowing him*** and ***having communion with hi*m**. Do we know, trust, honor and glorify him?? We overlook something many times: the Holy Spirit came to glorify Jesus (just as Jesus came to glorify the Father), but we are also to honor, trust, and glorify the Spirit just as we do Father and Son. **We must learn about the Holy Spirit from the scriptures if we are to truly know him.**
2. **In Deuteronomy 29:29 Moses says there are secret things that belong only to God, and the depths of the Trinitarian relationship is one of them**. But there are things that have been shown to us we are God reveals himself as he really is---as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thus, **we must keep our eyes on what God has revealed to us in scripture.** We must be Biblical thinkers and not speculative thinkers. We trace the biography of the Spirit in scripture. Jesus is the access for knowing both the Father and the holy Spirit. Last session we focused on the Spirit in A) Jesus’s incarnation and upbringing, and then, B) in Jesus’s baptism. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke it is clear that God is three persons. **He is three persons who are God and not merely one God revealing Himself in three different ways**. We see at Jesus’ baptism the voice of the Father over him and the Spirit descending as a dove---all three persons of the Trinity appearing together at the same moment, in fellowship together.
3. **What is the Spirit teaching about himself at Jesus’s *baptism*?**
	1. **There is an echo of what happened at creation:** the Spirit hovered over the waters at the earth’s creation and at Jesus’s baptism. These two events are related. And here is where Luke inserts the genealogy of Jesus as he traces his lineage back to Adam. Luke is hinting at God beginning a new creation with the baptism of Jesus.
	2. **The Spirit points to Jesus as the one promised by God who would bring rest.** Jesus is baptism, the Holy Spirit comes in the form of a dove... reminding us of the dove that flew over the waters of the flood and rested after the waters receded. It reminds us of Noah and the dove coming to announce that rest has come. The unrealized hopes of the parents of Noah are finally realized in Jesus and the redemption he will bring. The Spirit comes upon the Lord Jesus to help him fulfill that ministry.
	3. **The baptism of Jesus also reminds us of the waters of Jordan parting for the Israelites to enter into their land of rest.** And Jesus will lead us into rest just as Joshua the Israelite across the Jordan into the promised land of rest. The holy Spirit will help Jesus accomplish this.
	4. **There is also an *anointing* of Jesus by the Holy Spirit.**  In the Old Testament, ***prophets*** were anointed to **speak** for God; ***priests*** were anointed to **minister** before God, and ***kings*** were anointed to **rule** for God. **Thus, Jesus is anointed to these three offices by the Holy Spirit**. He was conceived by the Spirit, baptized by the Spirit, and now anointed by the Spirit to function in the three offices. He speaks for God as His prophet. He will minister as priest of God at his own sacrifice. And he will reign for God as king over the nations. **Jesus comes up out of the baptismal waters and the Spirit is taking him by the hand to equip him for his ministry**. And the next step was to be tempted by the devil in the wilderness.
4. **Now we must ask how this is *different* for Jesus**. He was led and thrown out into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. Thus, Jesus was sent by the Holy Spirit to march into battle to engage and defeat the enemy. We, however, are to flee temptation. Adam was tempted in a Garden, fully fed and surrounded by tame beasts; whereas, Jesus was tempted in a barren wilderness, hungry and in the presence of wild beasts. **Jesus is being empowered in a hostile environment to *reverse* what Adam had brought on the world because of his sin. Jesus will overcome Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
5. **This tells us about the intimacy between the Spirit and the Son.** What does this mean for me in my temptations? For believers, it means **we have the same Holy Spirit as the Lord Jesus Christ, and he helps us put the enemy to flight**. This is amazing. We remember the words from an old hymn: *“Think what Spirit dwells within thee!....What a Father’s love us thine!...What?! Thy savior died to win thee!...Child of heaven, should’st thou repute??”*
6. ***THINK WHAT SPIRIT DWELLS WITHIN THEE***!