1. We have been looking to see how the Holy Spirit acts as a sustainer of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Here we will examine to see how the Spirit sustained Jesus at the end of his earthly life.**
   1. **The Holy Spirit sustained Jesus during his *crucifixion***. In Hebrews chapter 9: 14, **the writer states that Jesus, *through the eternal Spirit*, offered himself without blemish as a sacrifice to God**. So it was the Holy Spirit who sustained Jesus in that ministry, even as the Father judged him and turned his face from him.
   2. **The same is true of the *resurrection* of Jesus**. Paul states in Romans 1: 4 and **Jesus was declared to be the Son of God in power *through the Spirit* who participated in raising him from the dead.** The spirit is vindicating him and showing that he really is the son of God.
   3. **The spirit also was instrumental in the *ascension* of Jesus**. In Acts chapter 1:9 he was lifted up and a cloud lifted him up. This is not a physical cloud; it is the glory cloud that was seen in the Exodus, and the cloud that came down at the Transfiguration of Jesus. It symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit becomes the chariot driver taking Jesus to the father and the literal fulfillment of Psalm chapter 24.**
   4. **In summation**, Jesus is conceived by the Spirit, sustained by the Spirit, vindicated by the Spirit, and taken home in glory by the power of the Spirit.
2. **1 Corinthians 15: 42 – 49 Paul speaks about the resurrection and the nature of the resurrection body**. He notes that the body is sown in dishonor but raised in glory. He got that revelation from what had happened to Jesus’s body. Jesus, the last Adam, became a life giving spirit. **We who are believers have borne the image of Adam; but we will likewise bear the image of the resurrected Christ**.
   1. In 2 Corinthians 3: 16 – 18 Paul speaks of the veil being removed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus can be seen in the Scriptures; and the glory of the Father can be seen in his face. **And Paul says it is the Holy Spirit who does this, “*the Lord who is the Spirit*”.**
   2. Paul says that the Holy Spirit and Jesus are so united in harmony that **when Jesus sends the Spirit to us, it is exactly like sending *himself* to us**. We get a sense of this harmony and see this when we look at the institution of marriage and we observe Christian couples living harmoniously as *one*. People who live together begin to look like one another! **Just think of the harmony that must have existed between the Holy Spirit and Jesus merely because they were intimately together from Jesus’s birth to ascension.**
3. **Jesus, when he is glorified, asked the Father that the same Spirit who ministered to him would be sent to his disciples**. On the day of Pentecost Jesus sent forth his own Holy Spirit. **That’s why the Holy Spirit is known as *the Spirit of Christ***. This brings us back to John 14, when Jesus said to the disciples,”*You know him because he has dwelt with you , and he will be in you.”* Then he tells them, *“I will not leave them as orphans but I will come to you.”*
   1. **He will come in the person of the Holy Spirit, and never leave them**. There is one Holy Spirit, and he is the one that Jesus sends forth to dwell in believers. **He is *the very same Holy Spirit that was with Jesus throughout his own earthly life*.** He is the Spirit who was in and on Jesus.
   2. **This means that every Christian believer is indwelt by the very same Holy Spirit who dwelt with Jesus.** We should, therefore, treat each other with that reality in mind! It should be natural to love one another and be thankful for one another, treating each other with deference.
   3. This is why we do not focus on what the Holy Spirit means to ‘*me’*, but what he meant to *Jesus*.