Lloyd Anderson:

It's great to be alive today and I know that Jesus Christ is living in our hearts and alive when we're Christian people and I hope you are happy today as I come into your homes or wherever you might be listening to us at this moment. And I trust the joy of the Lord is really filling your hearts. And even though things may be a little dark and things may not be quite as they ought to be in you and in your life. Yet at the same time you can be happy and rejoice because your happiness does not depend upon the things of life. But it depends upon Christ and your rejoicing in him. Whatever your lot may be. And so we come in our series of studies to another study on the Holy Spirit. You remember beginning with this month the month of February and going through March and April we'll be looking together at the Ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. A wonderful wonderful study. I hope it will be for you. Now we have already looked at the Holy Spirit as a person and we have already looked at him from the standpoint of what he did and how he operated in the period we called the Old Testament times and today in our study we're going to be looking at the Holy Spirit as the spirit of Christ and what a wonderful study I hope that will be for you and for me.

Now before we get into it let me take just another moment as I've done before to indicate to you that if you have ever wanted to see what Jesus saw and walk where Jesus walked then my friend we'd like to urge you to be with us on our trip to the holy land and to Egypt this coming summer on June 12. We're going to be leaving New York for Rome and we're going to see all of the
sights of Rome. Then we're going to go over to Greece and we'll see much of the background of the Bible there in the city of Corinth and around Athens. Then my friend we go down into the land of Egypt where they always roll out the red carpet for us and they really make us feel at home. Now that's interesting because in spite of some of the problems you when you get to Egypt you'll realize that they really treat you well and it's a wonderful thing to be there because you see so much of the background of the teaching of the Word of God. You know even Jesus when he was a baby was in Egypt because his mother Mary and of course Joseph took him down into Egypt you remember. And then they came back to Nazareth where Jesus lived.

And so Egypt is important if you're going to understand the Bible then from there we go to the island of Cyprus where Paul was you remember and where the gospel was preached and this is interesting. And then we go into Israel and we cover Israel from north to south and east to west. We see Galilee the Dead Sea. We see where Lazarus was raised from the dead. We see with the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We go to Capernaum. We see the Mount of Temptation we see the Mount of Beatitudes we go through Jerusalem Left Bank new city all of it the certainly a tremendous thing we see where Jesus carried his cross you'll see where he was buried and where he arose again from the dead you'll see where he was crucified. All of these things my friend you'll see the Wailing Wall and you'll see the most recent excavations archaeologically speaking then after we've covered all of Israel including Megiddo where Armageddon that great battle will one day be fought I'll never forget the first time I saw the valley of Johosophet and Megiddo tremendous it does something to you. And then after we have in depth covered the land of Israel then we go up to the land of Turkey and there we shall see. Two of the sites of the seven churches of the book of Revelation Pergamos and of course Ephesus then we end our tour in the
city of Vienna Austria and we come back to New York again after three weeks. It'll be a
tremendous time. Remember we leave New York on June 12. June 12 for three weeks. And it'll
be a great experience. Dr. Curtis Mitchell on the faculty in one of the Bible teachers at Biola and
I are going to be your hosts on the tour and we'll be with you. And we'll be sharing our Bible
studies with you will point out the things that you need to know and it'll be a great experience for
all of us. We would like to have you come with us now if you're interested in going. Remember
the cost of the trip which includes your airfare from New York back to New York which
includes your fare all over the places we go. It includes air conditioned buses. It includes all of
the guide services in each country and city. It includes first class hotels all your meals and it
includes your tips for your bags.

Everything is covered in the one price and the only thing you have to pay yourself is the airport
tax of the major cities into which you would come. And my friend that doesn't amount to more
than some 12 dollars or so. Now we take care of everything else. Of course the things that you
want to buy yourself that's up to you. But the tour itself we take care of and the one price and the
price is about eleven hundred and sixty dollars. Now this is tremendous. I've been leading tours
now for a number of years to the Middle East. And I can't think of a tour that's more adequately
and wonderfully priced than that for the average man. You're getting a lot believe me for your
money. And so if you're interested write to me. Dr. Lloyd Anderson and Carol Biola 13800 Biola
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Now we come to our study on the spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit of course is the spirit of
Christ. This is one of his other designated titles. One will not get fire into the study of the person
and work of the Holy Spirit before he discovers that this divine person bears a special and unique relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now this is very evident from three considerations. First of all in our Lord's earthly life it was in the power of the Holy Spirit. We must remember that Jesus wrought his messianic ministry and from his birth until his death he carried on. Humanly speaking in the spirit's power and energy and then we must remember of course in the second place that it was according to Christ own statement in our scripture. It was the business of the Holy Spirit to glorify him. That is to glorify Christ and the name of the Holy Spirit points to this. He is called along with his other titles. The Spirit of Christ or the spirit of God's own Son now revealing the redemptive glories of Jesus Christ is the outstanding feature of the Holy Spirit's ministry it is not merely one of the many ministries of the Holy Spirit.

But my friend it really is the chief ministry of the Holy Spirit. Through this conviction is brought to the hearts of unbelieving men. The Scripture says you remember in John chapter 16 that the Holy Spirit when he comes into the world said Christ will convict the world in respect of sin because they believe not on me. That is the unbeliever will be convicted of his sin because he doesn't believe in Christ the Holy Spirit will bring that conviction. Now the Holy Spirit brings condemnation to men's hearts not merely because they have sinned but because they have sinned against God in the rejection of Christ as savior the savior he sent into the world to redeem them. Now you remember again what the scripture says he that believeth is not condemned. He either believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Now the crowning condemnation and the sight of God is not that we are sick from sin but that we have rejected the only remedy for that sickness of sin. And so the Holy Spirit's chief business is to reveal Christ to human hearts for salvation and for a deeper walk in
the Christian life. Now Jesus Christ my friend deserves to be glorified but left to themselves. Men will never glorify God. And so the Holy Spirit has been sent into the world for that purpose.

When the Lord Jesus Christ you remember was here as a man walking around on the face of Israel. He was hated unjustly treated. He was humiliated. And finally he was brutally put to death on the cross. The fairest among 10000 became the world's scapegoat. He who was altogether lovely was put in the place of a criminal he who spent his life healing and helping humankind had only cruel shame heaped upon his head at the hands of cruel unbelieving men. And if the Holy Spirit did not glorify Him Who would you see the Holy Spirit is making the Lord Jesus Christ lovely and all together desirable to a great many people in our world and thousands of people on our planet are singing today no mortal with him can compare among the sons of men fairer is he. Then all the fair that fill the heavenly train you see it is because the Holy Spirit who is really the spirit of Christ glorifies the Lord that you and I are able to sing this kind of a song. Now what does it mean for the Holy Spirit to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Well certainly it doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit will add anything to Christ. This is impossible. You see Christ is everything that he ever will be all things are his glory is infinite an absolutely unchanging neither moral nor material glory can be added to this wonderful person. But this my friend is the situation whether we like it or not. And I want you to turn with me in your Bibles if you have them. The second Corinthians chapter 4 and then verses 3 and 4 second Corinthians 4 verses 3 and 4 and let's look at that as I read it to you and you'll begin to see why it is that the Holy Spirit came into the world now what does the passage say in Second Corinthians 4 verse 3.
And even if our gospel is veiled or hidden it is veiled in them that are perishing that is the man who is without Christ. He's perishing without the Lord in whom the god of this world that is the devil hath blinded of the minds of the unbelieving that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God should not shine unto them or should not dawn upon them. Now that's a wonderful passage. Second Corinthians in this particular chapter and in verses three and four in chapter four. Now Satan is very anxious to blame full men and women when it comes to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. He veils their minds. He blames their minds so that they will not be able to understand or see what purpose Christ came into the world to accomplish what the Holy Spirit really does then because he is the spirit of Christ is to remove that veil. When a man believes in Jesus Christ take off the wraps on the coverings and let the man get a glimpse of the glory of Christ. Now in the book of Second Corinthians and I think it would be good for you if you have your Bibles to turn to that particular and wonderful book. The Book of Second Corinthians incidentally the Corinthian books first and second Corinthians were written to the church at Corinth. And when we get to Greece this summer in our trip we're going to be seeing the place called Corinth to which Paul wrote these interesting verses you have in the books of First and Second Corinthians. But notice verse 14 of Second Corinthians chapter 3. It's a very interesting passage. What does he say?

But their minds were blinded same for until this day remain of the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament which veil is done away with in Christ now he's talking about Israel and he says that the average Israelite or Jew who does not believe in Christ there is a veil over his eye is a spiritual veil that keeps him from seeing Christ as his messiah. But he said one day that veil is going to be taken away and the people who are living in that future prophetic
hour as Jewish people are going to seek Christ and realize that he was everything he said he was that he really did come into the world and he died for them even though they didn't believe in him. Now that veil is certainly there today in many hearts but here and there the Spirit of God has been able to remove the veil to the everlasting delight of many Jewish people who have really believed in the Lord Jesus Christ under salvation. He took it from the heart of Saul on the road to Damascus and he became the Apostle Paul. He took that blindness away from 3000 Jews on the day of Pentecost. In the book of the Acts chapter 2. Yes to open blind eyes that are spiritually blind and let them see Christ for the first time and what he is able to do in life is the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Yes. When this is done Christ then becomes a wonderful and glorious and the outstanding savior indeed to the poor lost sinner whether he is a Jew or a Gentile who personally believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we'd like to consider the spirit of God's relationship to Christ along three different lines. And I'd like to share these with you if I might for just a moment because I believe they're relevant and they're very important and certainly we ought to see them now we're going to be looking at two of these particular portions. First of all as indicated in biblical prophecy and secondly as seen in the life of the believer. And certainly this is true because he is he is wondrously the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now look at him in prophecy if you will. Now this comes principally through the prophecy of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah the great evangelical prophet the evangelist among the prophets of the Old Testament. The first reference that I'd like to use in this fact is an Isaiah eleven Isaiah eleven verses one and two. Now the first verse identifies the person as Christ. He is a shoot out of the stock of Jesse and a branch out of his roots. He is of the Davidic and kingly line even though to human eyes Isaiah said this didn't
seem to be true but it's the Holy Spirit's ministry that we're interested in when we come to verse two of Isaiah chapter eleven and in seven distinct ways he shows himself to be the Holy Spirit who is occupied with revealing Jesus Christ to people and we're going to get to that on our next study together. As we look at the Word of God.