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THE PRIMARY WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we saw with the Trinity, God reveals the person of the Holy Spirit progressively throughout Scripture, Where ever he appears, the *Holy Spirit creates and inhabits the temple of God*. The temple is the place where God dwells and shows forth his glory.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

During the ministry of Moses the people of God built the tabernacle and the Holy Spirit came and filled this temple of God (Exodus 40:34-35), showing that this was the place where God dwelled and showed forth his glory.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The incarnation brought the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophetic hope. At the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended to earth for the first time since before the exile, because Jesus was the temple of God *par excellence* (Mark 1:9-11). The gospel of John tells us that Jesus dwelled, or literally "tabernacle" among us and embodied the glory of God (John 1:14; see also 2:19). Jesus was the "place" where God dwelled and showed forth his glory; the One In whom God dwelled among his people In a new way.

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