

## Bible Study 1 – Authority begins with submission – Luke 3:21-38

*Imagine you are applying for a passport or trying to prove your citizenship in a foreign country. You need a birth certificate—a document that officially tells everyone who you are and where you belong. Without it, you're just a stranger. In Luke 3:21-38, right before Jesus begins His public ministry, the Father provides His 'identity document'—not on paper, but from heaven itself. The sky opens, the Spirit descends, and God announces, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' Before Jesus does a single miracle, heals a single person, or preaches a single sermon, His identity as the Son of God is confirmed.*

<b>The context</b>	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ to show that He was the promised Jewish Messiah. He obtained information from eyewitnesses of the events that he described. The Christian faith rests upon historical events. John the Baptist was a prophet who prepared Israel for their Messiah. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born as a baby boy. He was brought up in the Jewish religion. Simeon and Anna recognised that Jesus was the promised Jewish Messiah.
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### ***PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 3:21-38***

Baptism & prayer (v.21)	
Holy Spirit (v.22a)	
Approval (v.22b)	
Genealogy (v.23-38)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***



***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. What is the basis of a Christian's identity (Galatians 4:6)?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Before Jesus began His mission He prayed to God the Father, was indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and was affirmed as “my Son, whom I love” and in whom “I am well pleased”. He also submitted to being baptised even though He had never sinned. It was a humble beginning at the age of 30 years. An application to us is that leadership flows from an identity rooted in God, and not in self-promotion.

