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God's Purpose in Marriage (8)

- Last week we saw that the Father's role within the trinity is that of the Leader Who always lovingly leads the Son and the Spirit for the good of the Divine Community in the accomplishment of His eternal purposes [Eph.3:11].

The Son

- The Son lovingly respects the Father's leadership by always obeying His will.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work...*5:19* Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise... *5:30* I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me...*8:28* Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. *29* And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him..."

- The Son's reason for obeying the Father's will.

John 14:31 I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father...

John 15:26 ...He will testify about Me...

- The extent of the Son's loving obedience to the Father's will: **Phil. 2:8**.

- In the incarnation, we also see that the eternal Son, Who is equal to the Spirit, willingly submit Himself to the Spirit's loving leadership in order to fill His role as the Spirit anointed Messiah sent by the Father to save God's people.

***Luke 4:1** And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...**14** And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee...*

***Matt 12:28** ...it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons...*

- After His resurrection, the Father gives the exalted Son "all authority in Heaven and on earth" (**Matt. 28:18**).
- The Son then exercises His role to send the Holy Spirit to birth the church in fulfillment of the Father's will.

***John 15:26** When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who goes out from the Father...*

- In this we see the giving, selfless servant heart of the Son's respectful obedience to the Father's will at the highest price to Himself in coming to purchase a people for His Father's love so that the love He has for the Father might be in [John 17:26] and demonstrated through the church and our marriages.

The Spirit

- What distinguishes the Spirit is His role in relation to the father and to the Son as the Person of God Who births and sanctifies the church according to the loving will of the Father as purchased by the loving obedience of the Son.
- The role of the Spirit during the Incarnation was to bring about the birth of the Divine Son and to anoint and lead the Son in the fulfillment of the Father's eternal purpose.

Matt 1:18 *Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit... 3:16* *the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him...12:28* *it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons...*

Luke 4:1 *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...*

- After the incarnation, the role of the Spirit is to submit to the Son's leadership by being sent into the world to birth the church

Acts 1:8 *...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses...*

John 15:26 *...He will testify about Me...*

Rom 5:5 *...God's love [for the Son and for the Spirit] has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us...*

[In this tri-Personal Divine Community] *the Father, Son and Holy Spirit* **love** one another, **support** one another, **assist** one another, **team** with one another, **honor** one another, **communicate** with one another, and in everything **respect** and **enjoy** one another