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The Ministry of Jesus through the Spirit

- We have seen that the Holy Spirit was sent to us to manifest [image] Jesus (John 15:26) in and through the revelation of His character as defined in Gal. 5:22-23.
- In this, we learned that the Spirit was not given to improve or perfect our human nature but to give and mature within us the Nature of Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 8:26 by Rom. 12:1-2).

The Gifts of the Spirit

- This is a phrase that has to do with the ministry activities that authenticated Jesus' claim to be the Son of Man, the Jewish Messiah:

Daniel 7:13-14 ...behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a Son of Man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. 14 And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed

- The Son of Man is a Man upon whom the Ancient of Days confers royal authority and a Kingdom that shall not pass away.

- The Jews understood this Son of Man to be their Messiah whom Yahweh had promised in Psalm 2:7-8 would be the Son of David who would establish and rule over God's everlasting Kingdom.

2 Sam. 7:12-13 ...[YHWH] declares to you [David] that [He] will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your Offspring [Seed-Gen. 3:15] after you, Who shall come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever...

- When did Jesus claim to be the Son of Man?
 - Jesus used this title to refer to himself more than any other Old Testament title.
 - But most clearly Jesus claims this title for himself in Mark 14:

Mark 14:61-63 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed [YHWH]?" 62 And Jesus said, "I Am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the Right Hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy..."

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus [Who is the] Christ, the Son of God...

- Jesus told Philip, "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father." This *seeing* is the result of God's mercy (Luke 1:78; Eph. 2:4), not the result of natural ability or desire.

Is. 26:10-11 Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the Lord. 11 O Lord, your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it.

Is. 6:9-10 And [YHWY] said [to Isaiah], "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing [natural hearing], but do not understand [natural understanding]; keep on seeing [natural], but do not perceive [natural].' 10 Make the [natural] heart of this people dull, and their [natural] ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their [natural] eyes, and hear with their [natural] ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

- This is why the Spirit must open our hearts and minds (Ezek. 36:25-274).
- Jesus is shown to be the Son of God, Israel's Messiah through his authoritative ministry to call disciples, to interpret Scripture, to heal, to deliver, to cast out demons, to control nature, and more (John 5:19).
- The reason Jesus could minister in such a way to reveal the character of the Father was because he was anointed and empowered by the Spirit of God.

Matt 1:18 ...she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit...

Matt 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized...[John] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.....

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

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee...

Luke 4:16-19 And He came to Nazareth...He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day...17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the YHWY is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Matt 12:28 I drive out demons by the Spirit of God...

Heb 9:14 Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God...

- Jesus ministered to people's needs by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus cast out demons by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus fed thousands by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus healed diseases by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus forgave sin by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus raised the dead by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus went to the cross by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus rose from the dead by the power of the Spirit
- Jesus saved us by the power of the Spirit