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## The Gifts of the Spirit

- Jesus' ability to manifest the love of the Father was not according to his natural ability (John 5:19, 30).
- Jesus' every word and work manifested the Father's love for his people:

***Matt 17:5** This is My Son [Matt. 3:17], Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased...*

***Phil 2:13** ...it is God [the Holy Spirit] Who works in you, both to will and to work for His [the Father's] good pleasure...*

- The Father's motive for giving us the Holy Spirit:

***1 John 4:9** In this the [unique] love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.*

- When we receive the gift of the Spirit, we receive the Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:7; Phil. 1:19).

***John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another [WITH GOD'S KIND OF LOVE]...*

- In giving us the gift of the Spirit, God gives us the gift of his love that is to be manifested through the activities of his love—called the gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are the activities of God’s love by the Spirit.
- They testify of the intra-trinitarian love between the Father and the Son by the Spirit. This love has been...

*...poured out into our hearts by the Spirit Who has been given to us... [Rom. 5:5]*

- They declare the truth and power of:

***Phil. 2:6-11** ...although [Christ] was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every Name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father...*

- We see the exaltation of Jesus by the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit. They are God’s testimony that his Incarnate Son is now the exalted King of kings, the Lord of creation, the ruling, reigning and returning glorified Son of Man in keeping with Dan. 7:13-14.

***1 Cor. 12:4-6** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord [Jesus]; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who empowers them all in everyone.*

***Eph. 4:4-6** There is one body and one Spirit —just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—5 one Lord [Jesus] one faith, one baptism, 6 and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all...*

- The gifts of the Spirit—all the activities of God’s love for us, in us—are God’s proof that Jesus Christ is Lord (1 John 3:1).

**1 Cor. 12:1-11; Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11; 1 Peter 4:9**

*1 Cor. 12:8-10 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues*

*Rom 12:6-8 ...prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness*

*Eph. 4:11 ...apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers...*

*1 Peter 4:9 ...hospitality...*