

Trinity #13: Spirit and Son

- I. Session 18: Implications #3: The Spirit Led Son and Implications for Christian living
- a. Purpose: We have already seen in previous session the Trinity glorifies Christ and also how the Son submits to the Father now we shall see how Jesus during His earthly life submitted to the Spirit and what implications that has for our present Christian life.
 - b. Jesus was Spirit filled and Spirit led
 - i. In **Luke 4:1**: Jesus' life was filled and led by the Spirit
 1. "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit"
 2. "and was led around ^{by} the Spirit in the wilderness"
 - a. "Was led around" is passive voice, showing this being done to Jesus!
 3. **Luke 4** as a chapter further reinforced this point of Jesus' reliance of the Spirit elsewhere in the Chapter in **Luke 4:14 and Luke 4:16-21**.
 - ii. **Luke 10:21** indicate that there is a relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Son Jesus even in His worship and fellowship with the Father (rejoicing, prayer, etc): "At that very [a]time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I [b]praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight."
 - iii. The author Luke also state in His other book in the Bible that it is because of Jesus' dependence upon the Spirit that He derive His power according to **Acts 10:38**: "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, ^{and} how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."
 1. Statement of truth given in Peter's preaching.
 1. Interestingly the text says it was God that anointed Him with the Spirit and power from God the Father rather than the power coming from Himself.
 - iv. **Matthew 12:28** also affirm Jesus' life and ministry was Spirit powered rather self-powered by His own Divine nature: "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."
 - c. Theological Implication #1: We can look at Jesus' life as an example of how to resist temptation!
 - i. Note: If we don't get this, then we might miss an important application in Trinitarian approach towards fighting sin.
 - ii. Jesus is an example for us today in that His power to resist sin was not from His own Divinity but instead like us in His humanity He trusted and was led and filled with the Spirit.
 - iii. Jesus' human life is an example for us today
 1. Jesus is like us and is 100 percent man: He had a physical body (**1 John 4:2**), a human mind (**Philippians 2:5**), and human

emotions (John 11:35). He was wholly Human (1 Timothy 2:5)!

2. There are Bible verses which states Jesus' life is an example for us today:

a. Jesus Himself said: "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and ¹³you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you" (John 13:13-15)

Note verse 15 that Jesus draws His own life as an example for the disciples to follow

b. Apostle John tells us to follow Christ's example: "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked." (1 John 2:6)

c. Apostle Paul tells us to follow Christ's example: "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)

d. Apostle Peter tells us to follow Christ's example: "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps," (1 Peter 2:21)

d. Theological Implication #2: Like Jesus' path of Godliness we must live a life that is Spirit filled and Spirit led.

i. As we seen above, Jesus the Unique Son of God submitted to the Spirit and the Spirit was the One who empowered Him for Christian piety and ministry.

ii. The analogy stands for Christians as well:

1. Spirit equips believers for ministry with spiritual gifts

a. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4)

b. "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills." (1 Corinthians 12:11)

2. Spirit equips believers for piety (Romans 8:13-16)

a. Two roads antithetical to one another: "for if you are living according to the flesh, you [f]must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (Romans 8:13)

i. Flesh Death

ii. Spirit Killing Sin Life

b. Fighting sin and having life apparently comes down to the issue of one's identity and that is in relations to the Spirit! "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

See the verses that follow!

e. How does this apply to our lives?

- i. May Jesus be our example and motivation
 1. We must know His example to be like Him! Do you study about Jesus and want to be like Him in anyway?
 2. We must also be an example to others of what the examples of Jesus is like.
 3. Specific appeal to the examples of Christ for us to follow:
 - a. Humbly serving (**Matthew 20:25-28**)
 - b. Love (**Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 John 3:15-16**)
 - c. Forgive (**Colossians 3:13**)
 - d. Experiencing Persecution (**Colossians 3:13**)
- ii. Are you Spirit led and Spirit filled?
 1. If not, why not? What idol is in your heart?
 2. Often the issue is pride when we resist the Spirit; consider the humility of Christ who was fully God and yet submitted to the Spirit!
 3. Bear fruit of the Spirit! See **Galatians 5:22-24**= "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who [k]belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*"