

Session Three

Jesus and The Spirit: Trust and Reliance, Exaltation and Glorification

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I. Jesus' Submission to the Spirit

- To fulfill his role as the Spirit-anointed Messiah

A. Jesus' Life of Obedience in the Power of the Spirit

Question: Why would Jesus, the God-man, need to have the Spirit of God upon him? What can the Spirit of God add to the deity of Jesus?

Another question: How can Jesus in his sinless obedience and sacrificial service rightly be upheld as a model for how we should live, since he was the God-man and we are not?

Isaiah 11:1-5, Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:16-21, Matthew 12:28, Acts 10:38, Luke 2:40, 52, Hebrews 5:8-9

B. Jesus' Life of Submission to the Direction of the Spirit

Luke 4:1-2a, Mark 1:12, Luke 4:14

II. Jesus' Authority and Primacy over the Spirit – in His Role as the Son of the Father

John 14:25-26, John 15:26, Acts 2:33, John 16:12-15, 1 Corinthians 12:3, 1 John 4:1-3

III. The Spirit's Uniform Purpose to Put Forward Jesus

A. Inspiration of Scripture, by the Spirit, but focused on Christ

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Luke 24:24-27, Luke 24:44, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 1:23, 1 Corinthians 2:2, Galatians 6:14

B. Evangelism, by the Spirit, proclaiming the gospel of Christ

Acts 1:8

C. Salvation, wrought in our lives by the Spirit, to conform us to the likeness of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:3

Application:

Marvel at the submission of the incarnate Son, the Son in human form, to the leading and empowerment of the Spirit

Corresponding to this, marvel at the Spirit's deep and abiding willingness to serve, unnoticed, as it were, without the overt recognition and honor that is reserved for the Son, to the glory of the Father

Marvel at the absolute sinlessness of the Son

Marvel at how the Son is placed in the spotlight, both by the Father, in his position of authority over the Son, and by the Spirit, in his position as subordinate to the Son