

Jesus

The Perfection of Man, The Conquering Light

Matt 3:16-4:2

Chapter 3:16-17

Q: What is the significance of God the Father's declaration? He is the Son of God. Divine. He is pleasing. Confirmation of this act. Confirmation of His life.

Q: What else does this moment teach us?

The trinity, 3 in one. All one yet manifested in different ways even at the same time.

We must walk in the Spirit, Christ Himself was anointed in the Spirit.

Q: If Jesus is perfectly pleasing to us, the most pleasant object of God's affection, who should He be to us?

Chapter 4:1-16

Q: What does "lead by the Spirit" mean to us? What does it say about the Spirit? About Jesus?

The Spirit is God. He leads. Jesus, as a man emptied, himself and admittedly did nothing by himself (Jn 5:19, 30, Jn 8:28). Jesus being perfect was then able to be used by the Spirit in the fullest most powerful measure possible (Jn 3:34). Living fully in submission to the Spirit and to the Father is the work and life of the perfect man, Jesus Christ. He showed us the power of that life.

Sub Q: He said He did nothing of Himself (Jn 5:30, 8:28). Were His miracles done as a man fully laying aside His power and in submission to the Spirit? Were they half Him, half the Spirit? All Him? By the way the scriptures speak, it would seem that the Holy Spirit was who worked the miracles through Him (Matt 12:28, Mk 5:30, Lk 4:14, 5:17, 6:19, 8:46, Acts 10:38). Jesus, being sinless, perfectly obedient, and divine was full of the Spirit, given the Spirit without limit (Jn 3:34).