

## The Gospel According To LUKE

### Chapter 4:14-44

#### *“The Spirit of the LORD is Upon Me”*

#### D) The Power of the Spirit (v14-29)

(v14-15) How to live in the power of the Spirit?

- Spend time in Prayer--Obey God's Word--Live according to the Will of God (Jn. 7:17; Rom. 12:1-2; 1Thess. 4:3; 5:18; 1Peter 3:17; 4:2,19)--Live life with an Eternal perspective--Having a ministry of Reconciliation

**John 15:7-8**- *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

The **power of the Spirit** in the Christian life will bring “good news” to all who hear & receive. You will also **disciple** other believers (Jesus taught) & you all will **glorify** Jesus!

#### II) Observe the Sevenfold Work of the Holy Spirit (v16-19)

Jesus is reading from Isaiah ch. 61:1,2

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me:

**#1- To preach the gospel to the poor-** John 3:16- The gospel is for the whole world!

**#2- To heal the broken hearted-** Matt 11:28-30- *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

**#3- To proclaim liberty to the captives-** John 8:31-32, 34-36- *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” . . . “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

**#4- To bring recovery of sight to the blind-** Miracles – John ch. 9; **Spiritual blindness** – John 3:3- *Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 2 Cor 4:3-4- But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, test the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

**#5- To set at liberty those who are oppressed** - Peter gave this testimony of Jesus in Acts 10:38- *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

**#6- To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD** - Mk 1:14-15- *Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

**#7- Jesus did not complete vs. 2 which will be fulfilled at His Second Coming** - And the day of vengeance of our God - *Paul the apostle gives insight in 2 Thess 1:6-10 . . . since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.*

**(v20-30) The truth hurts** - The religious people were amazed at what Jesus quoted & said in verses 20-22. Then Jesus revealed the hearts of the self-righteous religious folks in verses 23-27. In these verses Jesus declares that God

miraculously healed two gentiles, a woman of Sarepta and Naaman of Syria. Jesus unveils the truth that His own people will miss the great blessing of their Messiah while others will receive it. This so enraged them that they wanted to kill Him. Jesus comforts our hearts when we are persecuted for He has told us, *Blessed are those who are persecuted for*

*righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* (Matt 5:10-12)

#### III) The Authority of the Spirit (v30-44)

(v31-32) Teaching the Word of God produces His **authority!**

(v33-37) Demon possession - **Notice** that the man with the unclean spirit is in the synagogue. **Realize** that demons know that Jesus is the one & only **“HOLY ONE OF GOD!”** Jesus operates in **“authority”** - **exousia**- privilege, force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence. Jesus said to His disciple- Luke 9:1- *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. Jesus manifests “power” (Gk. – *dunamis* - force; miraculous power; to be able or possible.) He has given us this same power- Acts 1:8- *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

(v38-39) Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law - Peter was married, which means he couldn't have been the first pope.

**(v40-44) Jesus heals diseases & casts out demons** - Who is Jesus according to these demons? **“You are the Christ, the Son of God!”** (Fascinating story: Acts 19:15- *And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”*)

Let's make his final words our final words, *“I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I (we) have been sent.”*