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I. The Spirit’s Ministry

A. Spirit Filled

1. The Balanced Application of Death and Life
 - a. that no flesh should glory in His presence. - 1Co 1:29
 - b. but Christ is all and in all. – Col 3:11b
 - c. Desire to follow Christ – Lk 9:23
 - i. Self-Denial – 1 Co 6:19-20
 - ii. Crucified Life – Ga 2:20; Ro 6:11
 - iii. Following Christ – 1 Jo 2:6; Mt 11:29; Jo 15:4-5; 1 Pe 2:21
2. Filled for a purpose.
 - a. Multiple Fillings – Ac 2:4; 4:31
 - b. For Service
 - i. OT - Ex 31:2-11; 35:30-36:1; Jd 14:6,19; 15:14
 - ii. NT – Ac 1:8; 4:8; 1 Pe 3:15
 - c. For Suffering, Weakness – Ac 9:15-16; 2 Co 12:2-10

B. Anti-Spirit

1. Seeking the Experience
 - a. Tongues – Ac 2:4; (8:14-18); 10:46; 19:6
 - i. Purpose: Sign of Judgment – 1 Co 14:21
 - ii. Purpose: Sign for unbelievers – 1 Co 14:22
 - b. Miracles:
 - i. Purpose: Signs of an Apostle – 2 Co 12:12
 - ii. Purpose: Confirming the Message – Heb 2:1-4
2. Experience doesn’t cause growth or glory to God.
 - a. Spiritual Pride – 1 Co 14:4-5
 - b. Spirit’s Emphasis – Jo 14:26; 15:26; 16:13
3. Surrender or Die
 - a. Denial of Self, Crucifixion – Lk 9:23
 - b. Yield – Ro 6:12-16 – after reckoning oneself to be dead unto sin and alive unto God.

C. Spirit Control

1. Control?
 - a. to exercise restraining or directing influence over
 - b. to have power over: rule
2. Synergy

- a. Yoked together with Christ – Mt 11:29; 1 Jo 5:3
- b. Life of Christ – Jo 4:14; 7:38; 2 Co 4:11
- c. Strengthens, empowers – 2 Co 12:9
- 3. Empowered for What?
 - a. Witnessing – Ac 1:8; 1 Pe 3:15
 - b. Good Works – Eph 2:10; 1 Co 3:10-15; 2 Co 5:9-10
- D. Spirit Motivated
 - 1. The Spirit's work in Salvation
 - a. We were dead in sins – Eph 2:1-5
 - b. He regenerates for the purpose of giving grace to believe – Eph 2:8-9
 - 2. The Spirit's work in Sanctification
 - a. Conforming us to the image of Christ - Ro 8:29
 - b. Transforming us from Glory to Glory – 2 Co 3:16-18
 - i. Becoming like a tree planted by the rivers of water – Ps 1:3
 - ii. Demonstrating the character of Christ – The Fruit of the Spirit – Ga 5:22-23
 - c. Freeing us from the Law of Sin and Death – Ro 8:2,13

III. The Spirit's Goal

- A. The Spirit of Christ
 - 1. The change of the Person – 1 Co 12:3
 - 2. The change demonstrated – Ga 5:22-23
- B. The Spirit of Truth
 - 1. Writing an Epistle – 2 Co 3:3
 - a. Bringing obedience – 1 Pe 1:22
 - b. Overpowering the flesh – Ga 5:16
 - 2. Failure in Spite of the Spirit - Overcoming is based on Faith in Christ's work on one's behalf – 1 Jo 5:3-4
- C. The Spirit of the Cross
 - 1. The joyful and dependent believer is resting in Positional truth – Ro 6:11; 8:2
 - 2. The growing desire for more of Christ
 - a. For Eternal life - Jo 17:3
 - b. For a Deeper relationship - Phil 3:10
 - c. For the service of others - 2 Co 4:10-12
- D. The Spirit of the Lamb
 - 1. Growth into the image of the Lamb – The desire to do God's will – Heb 10:9
 - 2. Awareness of one's inability to accomplish it – 1 Co 1:29; 2:4-5
- E. The Spirit's Goal
 - 1. Different for different people
 - a. Paul – 2 Co 12:6-7
 - b. John - Rev 1:19
 - 2. What is the same for All – Col 1:9-11