

God's Spirit

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The purpose of this study is to bring out the difference between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of His Father. I know Christ possesses the spirit of God and walks in the fulness of divinity but that has not always been the case. It is interesting how the apostle Paul still distinguishes between the spirits of the Father and Son many years after the cross.

Romans 8

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

/ Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

A spirit = a mind

The Son of God learns by experience just like the rest of us.

Hebrews 5

8 Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Only God the Father has experiential knowledge without having the experience itself.

Christ died unblemished showing He possessed the spirit of the Father. When He knew God had forsaken Him in order to save humanity He experienced God loving us as much as God loves Him.

Hebrews 9

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself **without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Christ poured out the spirit of the Father on Pentecost:

Acts 2

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, **and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Jesus knew by means of experience the love God has for Him. He had only been told of the love God has for humanity. On the cross He experienced God's love for us.

Humanity needs to experience God's love for them in order for them to walk in the fulness. Christ was in life and needed to be brought to death. Humanity is in death and needs to be brought to life.