Ministries Of The Holy Spirit

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I. The Holy Spirit Is A Person (Gen. 1:1–2)
   A. Elohim = God, plural form
   B. The Spirit hovered and breathed (Ps. 33:6)
   C. We encounter the Spirit first, who introduces us to the Son

II. The Holy Spirit
   A. In redemption
      1. Incarnation (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35)
      3. Sacrifice (Heb. 9:14)
      4. Resurrection (Rom. 1:4; 6:4)
      5. Pentecost (Acts 2:33)
      6. Access (Eph. 2:18)
      7. Indwelling (Eph. 2:22)
   B. The exchange of persons (John 16:6–7)
      1. Jesus goes back to the Father in heaven
      2. The Holy Spirit now the personal representative of the Godhead on earth
      3. Holy Spirit is Lord in the Church (2 Cor. 3:17)
         a. When the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty
         b. Treat Him as a Person
         c. Take the nature of the Lamb
            (1) A life laid down
            (2) Purity, meekness, gentleness
      4. The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church, the Body of Christ:
         a. Collectively (1 Cor. 3:16)
         b. Individually (1 Cor. 6:19)

III. Present Assignments
   A. To complete the ministry of Christ
      1. Jesus returns in the Holy Spirit (John 14:18 [contrast John 14:3])
      2. Teacher and remembrancer (John 14:25–26)
   B. To empower the body of Christ
      1. Power to be witnesses (Acts 1:8)
      2. Supernatural attestation (Heb. 2:4)
      3. Nine supernatural gifts (1 Cor. 12:7–11)
         a. Word of wisdom
         b. Word of knowledge
         c. Faith
         d. Healings
         e. Working of miracles
         f. Prophecy
         g. Discerning of spirits
         h. Kinds of tongues
i. Interpretation of tongues

IV. Our Total Dependence—As Jesus Depended On Holy Spirit For Resurrection (Rom. 6:4)

A. Prayer (Rom. 8:26–27)
B. Ministry (Rom. 15:18–19 [compare 1 Pet. 1:12])
C. Victory over sin (Gal. 5:16)
D. Character—nine forms of Fruit (Gal. 5:22–23 [compare John 15:1, 4–5])
   1. Love
   2. Joy
   3. Peace
   4. Longsuffering/patience
   5. Kindness
   6. Goodness
   7. Faithfulness
   8. Gentleness
   9. Self-control

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