

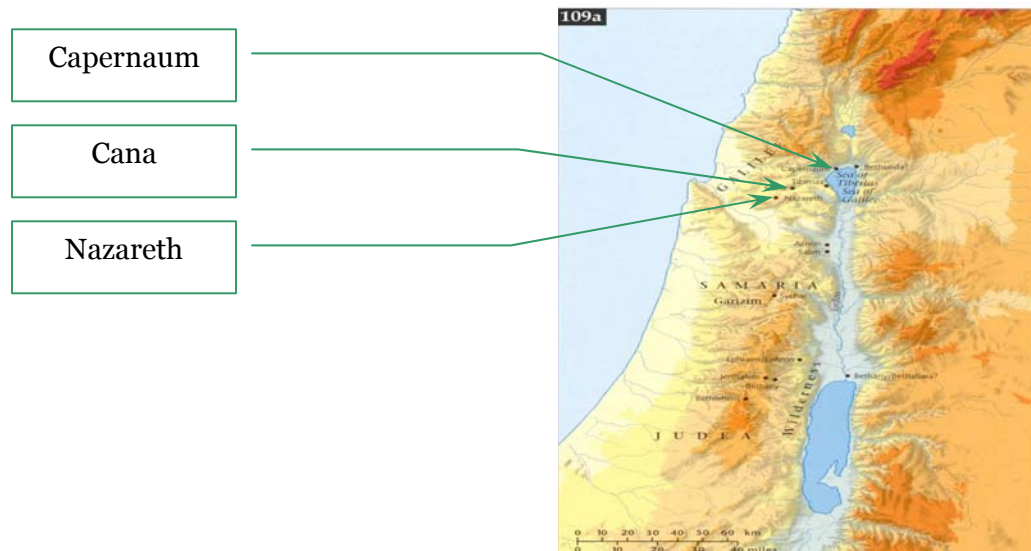
**THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS**  
Class #64 – Sunday AM1 AUGUST 6, 2006

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Passages to be examined - **Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:14**

- We have already noted that the Lord and His disciples moved from the Jordon River valley to Samaria, where they had a two-day stay [with Bible teaching] at Sychar. Then, they withdrew to Galilee and the city of Nazareth [the Lord's hometown].
- The five disciples went home to their families and professions and the Lord resettled His family in Capernaum.
- Once the Lord relocated from Nazareth to Capernaum, He began the work that the Father wanted Him to accomplish in Galilee (Galilean Ministry).
- Once Mary was settled in Capernaum, Jesus headed back to Nazareth. Along the way, a royal official from Herod's government [from Capernaum] caught up to Him. His son was facing death, he had exhausted all of his efforts, and he was finally attempting to get the Lord's help. The Lord told him to **"Go, your son is living, and he went."** **John 4:50**
  - Now the Lord is on His way to Nazareth.
  - The reason for His relocation was to begin the work that the Father wanted Him to accomplish.
  - This was known as His Galilean Ministry.
- Note from Luke 4:14 that His ministry was conducted in the ability and strength provided by God the Holy Spirit as He walked in dependence upon the Spirit to execute the Prototype Spiritual Life.



**Luke 4:14**

***14*** And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,

**“In the power of the Spirit” - ν τ δυνάμει το πνεύματος**

- Preposition ν plus dative δυνάμει followed by genitive of πνεύματος
- Translation - **by means of the strength/power of the Spirit**

This set the example for us to follow in all the Lord desires for us to accomplish, as well.

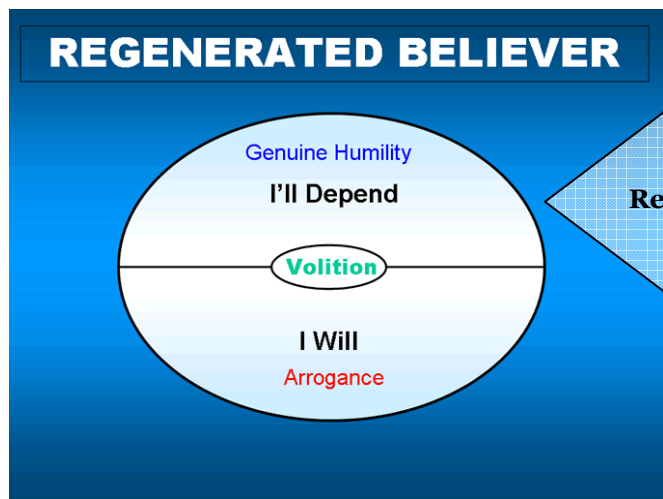
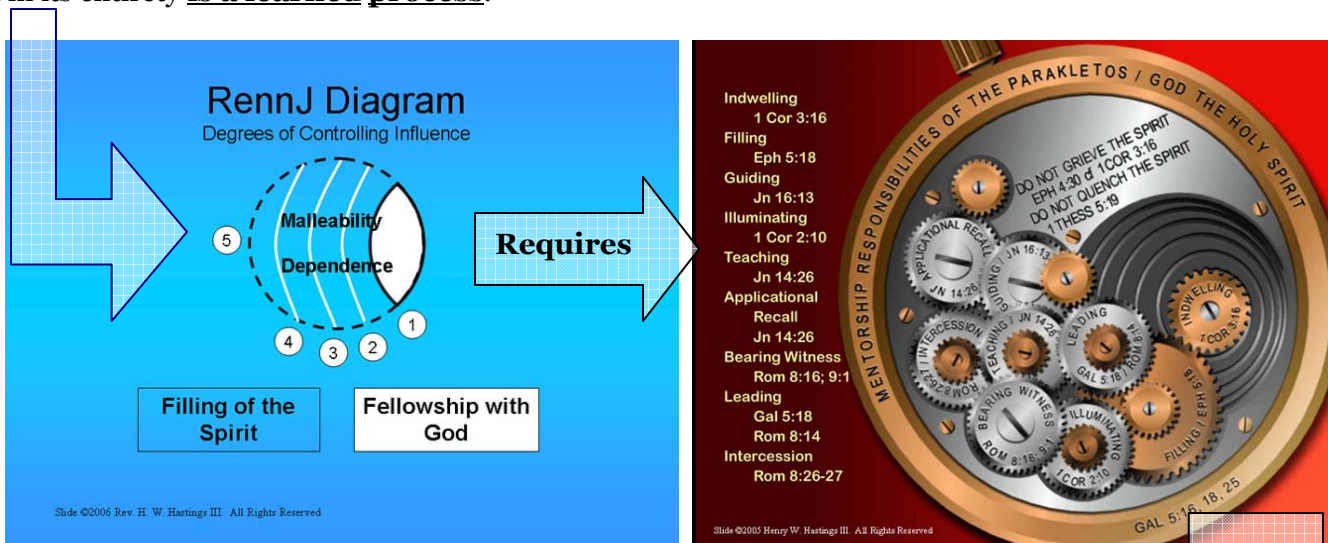
• Recall **Ephesians 2:10** -

**10 For we are His workmanship** (accomplished at faith alone in Christ alone and resulted in the 63 divine works of grace), **created in Christ Jesus for good works** (all that God desires for us to accomplish), **which God prepared beforehand** (eternity past) **so that we would walk in them** (fulfilling the principle of Carpe Occasio – seizing opportunities that God has prepared for us).

**POD** - As the Humanity of Christ set the example for us to follow in relying upon God the Holy Spirit to provide the ability and strength to accomplish the Father’s will for His life, so we, as church age believer priests, must follow His example of dependence upon the Spirit to accomplish God’s will for our life.

Remember our 3<sup>rd</sup> POD from Thursday’s class (8/3/06):

**POD** - Learning to depend upon God the Holy Spirit for the required strength and ability to fulfill the will of God in its entirety **is a learned process**.

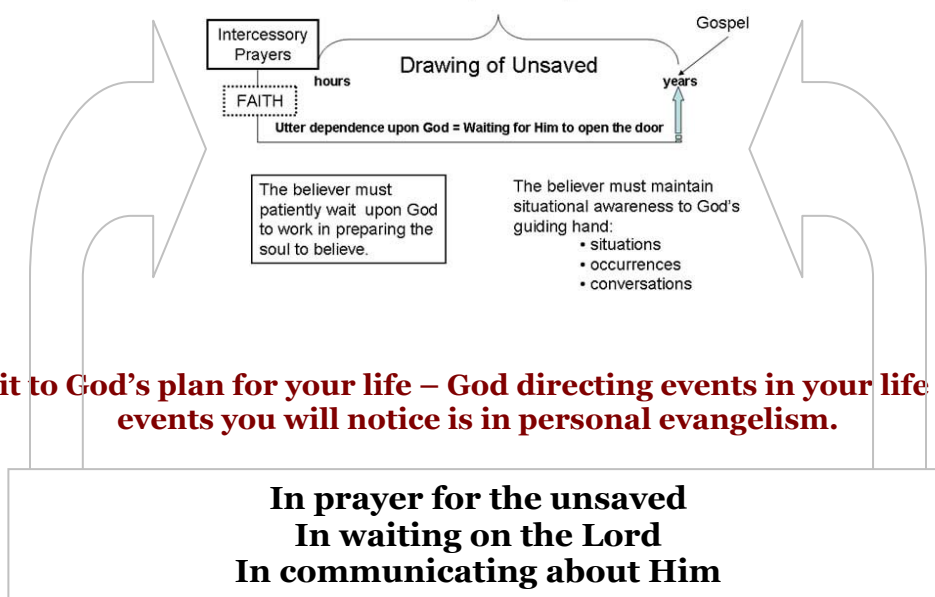


***Bearing witness ministry (Rom 8:16, 9:1)*** – The Holy Spirit bears witness to your human spirit. This is a non-discursive presence in the soul - a conviction of your will, not your intuition. The bearing witness ministry of God the Holy Spirit is rather an immaterial presence that you can identify as a born-again believer. Once you identify it, you can depend upon it. Once you depend upon that presence, you will make decisions that will put you at the right place at the right time to seize the opportunities that God has prepared for you in eternity past to be fulfilled in time.

**If He knows the number of hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30) is His plan not more perfect than anything you can come up with in your life?**

**Dynamics of Personal Evangelism**  
A Cooperative Work with God

**God's Preparatory Work**



**As you submit to God's plan for your life – God directing events in your life – one of those events you will notice is in personal evangelism.**

**In prayer for the unsaved  
In waiting on the Lord  
In communicating about Him**

**Positive Volition is when you receive correction and reproof from the teaching of the Word of God and you keep coming back for more!**

**Dynamics of Personal Evangelism**

- Personal evangelism is the responsibility of every Christian in light of his ambassadorship status (DW/G 20).
- It begins with intercessory prayer.
- It is a process in which we depend wholly upon the Lord to act.
- It is only then that we will arrive at the right time and place with the situational awareness to present the Gospel and depend upon the Spirit to do His work in the soul of the unregenerate.
- Jesus Christ exemplified the dynamics of personal evangelism.

So the Lord had a message that He was proclaiming with authority and conviction to both large crowds and small groups of people in more intimate settings. That message was:

### Matthew 4:17

“Repent, **because** the kingdom of heaven **is on the brink of being instituted**”

- Perfect tense of **γγιζω – EGGIZO**
  - “On the brink of being instituted” because the promised Messiah had arrived.
- Once He had settled His family in Capernaum, He began the Galilean ministry, in the power of God the Holy Spirit, with the message that people had to change their minds because the kingdom was on the brink of being instituted.
- Since the five disciples went home to their families and professions after the trip through Samaria, He started off on His own.
- Jesus left Capernaum, headed for His hometown of Nazareth, and was stopped by a very desperate father who was one of Herod’s Royal Officials.

*He arrives in Nazareth.*

**15** And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

**16** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

- A Rabbi always reads the scriptures while standing, but teaches while sitting.
- He stands up to read and one of the officials hands Him a scroll.

**17** And the **book...**

“**Book**” – βιβλίον – **BIBLION**

- “A scroll”

[The scroll] of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him.

- Note that the scroll was handed to Him by one of the authorities in the synagogue.
- The humanity of Christ did not determine from which scroll He was to read.

And He opened the **scroll** and found the place where it was written, (quoting from **Isaiah 61:1-2**)

**18** “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, **19** TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”

Where does He stop reading? Note the complete passage written in Isaiah 61.

### Isaiah 61:1-2

**1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; **2** To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD [STOP] And the day of vengeance of our God . . . *Not included in Matt. 4:19*

Why didn’t He continue to read verse 2 in the Matthew 4:19 passage?

### Matthew 3:11

**11** “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John said that when Messiah arrives He would baptize people with the **Holy Spirit** and with **fire**.

Two different baptisms – two things associated with Messiah’s arrival:

- **Baptism of the Spirit** –
  - Reserved for the subjects of the Kingdom
  - **Blessings** in receiving God the Holy Spirit
- **Baptism of Fire** –
  - Reserved for those who are banned from entering the Kingdom
  - **Judgment** for those not spiritually regenerated

“And the day of vengeance of our God . . .” describes the day when people will be baptized with fire.

Why does He stop reading verse 2 at “To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD” [*and not continue with*]  
“And the day of vengeance of our God . . .”

- The day of vengeance is when people will be baptized with fire and will undergo a judgment.

**John 12:47**

**47** “If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”

***Remember John 12:47 in fulfilling the dynamics of personal evangelism.  
Focus on communicating the gospel and do not get involved with judging people.***

When is one born again?  
At faith alone in Christ alone.  
**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only  
begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but  
have eternal life."

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All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.