

From his fullness we have all received

II. Jesus – full of life and power

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, Luke 4,14

- a) *Jesus portrayed from another perspective than in John.* The Spirit-filled servant of the Lord, Luke 4,18-19, cf. Jes 61,1. Passes on the promise of the Spirit to his disciples, Luke 24,49; Acts 1,8 and fulfills this on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2.
- b) *Jesus life in the Spirit is also a model for all Christians.* Paul's exhortations, Gal 5,16 and 25; Efes 5,18.
- c) *Every Christian has, through baptism and faith, become a temple for the Holy Spirit.* 1 Cor 3,16; 6,19; 1 Tim 1,14.
 - *do you not know?* A matter of faith and conviction more than feelings and experience
 - *this presence of the Spirit is something dynamic and powerful.* The Spirit wants to reveal some of the life and power that was in Jesus in our lives. He does not force himself on us, and we can clearly hinder him to work in us and through us, 1 Tess 5,19; Efes 4,30.
- d) *How do we open up for the dynamic life in the Spirit?* Through prayer, Luke 11,13 and by *eagerly desire*, 1 Cor 14,1 (NIV)

Four areas where the Spirit wants to work in our lives

- e) *The Spirit gives assurance of Sonship. We are God's children.* Rom 8,15-17, Gal 4,6-7
Sonship means
 - legal right to be heirs, Gal 3,29
 - full access to the Father, Fil 4,6f
- f) *The Spirit is engaged in a continuous work of cleansing of its temple.* The tension between the flesh and the Spirit in the life of every Christian, Gal 5,16-26; Joh 16,8.
- g) *The Spirit motivates us to put on the new life in Christ.* Col 3,12-14; Gal 5,22ff.; Joh 16,14; Fil 2,5. He is conforming our personalities, attitudes and lifestyle to the likeness of his Son, Rom 8,29.
- h) *The Spirit wishes to equip us with various spiritual gifts for ministry in the church and for witness to the world.* 1 Pet 4,10f; Rom 12,4-7; 1 Cor 12,1-11.
 - each Christian ought to discover her/his gift and learn to exercise it, 1 Cor 12,12-26
 - each Christian can be open to a greater variety of gifts, 1 Cor 12,7; 14,1
 - love and spiritual gifts must not be seen as opposing ideas, but as complementary
- i) *Walking in the Spirit.* Two different concepts, Gal 5,16 and 25

