**Great is the mystery of godliness – 1 Tim. 3:16 – John 16:14**

*By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness…He was vindicated in the Spirit*

Jesus Christ was vindicated = justified; shown to be righteous because he was Spirit filled in his human body

**He was vindicated = to confirmed to be perfectly righteous in the Spirit**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ was vindicated in the Holy Spirit - the great mystery of godliness**

*Our confession says: There is one and only one living true God. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is fully divine. He convicts men of sin, righteousness and of judgment. He exalts Christ.*

*Jesus said of the Holy Spirit,* ***He shall glorify me***

***Jesus was vindicated glorified by the Holy Spirit!***

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary**

*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit Matt. 1:20*

1. Jesus Christ was born the Holy One of God

* He was fully man born of a virgin woman
* He was fully God born of the Holy Spirit

*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God Lk. 1:35*

1. The demons recognized Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God

*Let us alone! What have we to do with You. Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are – the Holy One of God!*

**Jesus Christ is God without a beginning & man with a beginning!**

1. **Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit in His earthly ministry**

*For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure John 3:34*

1. Jesus was blessed by God as the Son of God at **His baptism** by the resting of the Holy Spirit on Him

*Lk. 3: 21 -22 – when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, You are my beloved Son, in You I am well – pleased*

1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit to carry out **His ministry**

*Lk. 4:1 – Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness*

*Matt. 12: 15 – 18 - Jesus healed them all…this was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: behold My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved on whom My soul is well pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him ….*

*Therefore, God your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy Ps 45:6-7*

1. He was filled with the Spirit as **He preached & taught the Kingdom of God**

*Lk. 4:18 – the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me …*

1. **He lived in the power of the Holy Spirit** in His ministry

Lk. 4:14 – *and Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district*

1. **He gave His commission to the believers** by the Holy Spirit

*Acts 1:2 – He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen*

1. **He lived in the joy** of the Holy Spirit

*In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so Father, for it seemed good in Your sight Lk. 10:21*

***You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him Acts 10:37***

1. **Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit**
2. God raised Jesus Christ from the dead to **put an end to the power of death**

*God raise Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power Acts 2:24*

1. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead **by the power of the Holy Spirit**

*Concerning His Son who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord Rm. 1:5*

1. Jesus Christ was given **resurrected life by the Holy Spirit**

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the Spirit who dwells in you Rom. 8:11*

1. **He died on the cross filled with the Holy Spirit**

*How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. 9:14*

**The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus in His flesh – Jesus said of the Holy Spirit – He shall glorify**

**Me. John 16:14**

**Things to Remember and Do**

1. **Jesus Christ was fully human & fully God filled to the fulness with the Holy Sprit**

Col. 1:19 – it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell

1. **Believers receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit from the fullness of Jesus Christ**

*Of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace John 1:16*

1. **The power of the Holy Spirit who raise Jesus Christ from the dead will give you new life when you trust in the Lord Jesus**
2. **Set your mind on the things of the Spirit – be filled with the Spirit**

***By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness…He was vindicated in the Spirit***

***To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!***