

(Clip) Ministry Without Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

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Transcript

Went out into the ministry till he was anointed with the Holy Spirit? And how many Christians there are who think that, yeah, I can go out to serve God without being anointed with the Holy Spirit? Really? Jesus, the Son of God, who lived a perfect life for 30 years, who studied the scriptures so well that he knew it at the age of 12. Some people think, if I know the Bible, I can preach. Jesus knew it at 12.

Why didn't he preach for the next 18 years? One reason he was not anointed with the Holy Spirit, and we read, I don't know whether you read this, it says in Luke and chapter 3 about Jesus' baptism. Luke chapter 3, verse 21. When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

Did the Holy Spirit come upon Jesus without his praying? No. Even Jesus had to pray to be anointed with the Holy Spirit. So when he was baptized, you know what he was praying? Most people when they get baptized want to make sure the water doesn't go into my nose.

That's good. But Jesus was more interested in me, anointed with the Holy Spirit, when he came out of the water. And he was praying when he went into the waters, Father, this is the beginning of my ministry, anoint me with the Holy Spirit, please.

Somebody could say, Lord Jesus, you lived such a perfect life. You know the Bible so well. You can preach anywhere.

Yeah, that knowledge is not enough. I have knowledge even to confound the great scholars and priests here, but that's not what I want. I want the supernatural anointing of the Holy Spirit, which will take my words and accomplish God's purposes.

He prayed, and as soon as he came out, the Holy Spirit descended on him. What was Jesus praying for? I know, because Jesus' prayers were always answered immediately, and the Holy Spirit came upon him. I know what he was praying for.

He was praying that the Holy Spirit come upon him.

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