



# Quick Review

- **The Greatest Commandment**
  - Love God
  - Love others
- **Marks of a healthy church life/walk with God**
  - Strong Biblical teaching
  - Fellowship
  - Lord's Supper
  - Prayer
  - Worship
  - Miraculous signs and joy

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- **Abiding in Christ**
  - Everything else flows from this
- **Looking ahead**
  - Jesus' mission for His ministry
  - Luke 4:14-21
  - Verses 18 and 19

# The Context

- **On the heels of 3 temptations of Jesus**
- **Jesus ministering throughout Galilee**
- **Luke writes, “and everyone praised Him.”**
- **Jesus in Nazareth**
- **The reading of the day in the synagogue – from Isaiah 61**

# The Spirit of the Lord

- **Isaiah 61 picture of Israel's deliverance from exile in Babylon**
  - The year of Jubilee
  - All debts cancelled/all slaves freed
- **Isaiah prophecy of future, messianic age**
  - Jesus about to begin
- **The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus**
  - The Christ
  - The Son of the Living God

# Preach the Good News

- **Jesus anointed to preach good news to the poor**
- **Who were the poor?**
  - Low economic means?
  - Spiritual depravity?
- **Greek term = low status in life**
- **Good news is that Jesus is going to change your lot in life**

# Proclaim Freedom

- **Proclaim freedom for the prisoners**
- **What about spiritual prisons?**
- **What about bondage to...**
  - money or sin?
  - guilt?
  - hatred or unforgiveness?
  - sensuality and addiction?
  - Satan and his lies?
- **Have you ever sensed your freedom in Christ?**

# Recovery of Sight

- **Common occurrence in Jesus' ministry**
- **Have you felt like you were walking in spiritual darkness?**
- **Jesus lights the way for us**
  - **Turns our lives from darkness of Satan to God's radiant light**
- **Jesus removes the scales from our eyes so we can see Him clearly**

# Release the Oppressed

- **Greek = broken into pieces, shattered, crushed**
- **Ever felt like this?**
- **Jesus comes to those squashed by life's circumstances/see no way out**
- **Jesus has delivered us from...**
  - sin and death
  - guilt and shame

# Proclaim the Year of the Lord

- **The Year of Jubilee = all debts cancelled, all slaves set free**
- **This is the work of Jesus**
  - Begun in our lives
  - Complete when He returns

# Final Word

- **If this is the mission/ministry of that Jesus is about, shouldn't we be also?**
- **Shouldn't we be...**
  - **preaching good news to the poor?**
  - **proclaiming freedom to those imprisoned?**
  - **helping those blinded to things of God to see?**
  - **helping those broken, shattered, crushed to find restoration and wholeness in Jesus?**
  - **proclaiming the year of Jubilee?**
- **What would our world be like if we took Jesus mission as our mission seriously?**