The Gifts of the Spirit: Sanctification

INTRODUCTION: The Spirit of the Ordinary (3 Coordinates for the Talk)

I. God’s In A Lot More Than the Fireworks
   A. Creation
      1. *Ex nihilo:* “Let there be light!”
      2. *Creatio continua:* “Let the earth bring forth fruit…”
   B. Providence
      1. Miracle
      2. Common Grace
   C. Jesus
      1. The Incarnation (“Let there be light!”)—Lk 1:35
      2. His Growth and Obedience (“Let the earth bring forth fruit”)—Lk 2:52

II. The Spirit’s In the Details
   A. “The External Works of the Trinity Are Undivided.”
   B. Yet Each Person Works Distinctly and Uniquely in Every Operation.

III. The Spirit Uses Means
   A. No Spirit-Matter Dualism
   B. The Spirit is not Bound to Means but Ordinarily Binds His Activity to Them

   I. The Giver and His Gift (Eph 4:1-6)
      A. The Giver Is the Gift
      B. The Triune God is Not a Means to an End
      C. Consecration
      D. Baptism with the Spirit
      E. Baptism with the Spirit Is Union with Christ
      F. Growth in Sanctification

   II. The Gifts That He Gave (vv 7-13)
      A. A Diversity of Gifts for the Edification of the Whole Church
      B. The Gifts Are Officers: “He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers” (v 11).

   III. The Gifts That He Gives Through Us (vv 14-32)
      A. Where Good Works Go
      B. The Fruit of the Spirit