Be Normal; Super -Naturally Natural

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Acts 2:22 (NIV)

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a **man** accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know."

Jesus as God is absolutely centrally to the doctrine of the Christian faith. Jesus as man is absolutely central to living out the Christian faith. Jesus as God came to earth as a man, the perfect man because HE was God.

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Jesus set aside or chose not to use, his own will, his own strength, his own power and only did what the father told HIM to do. Phil.2:5-11 – Basically Jesus emptied himself took on the form of a servant becoming obedient to the point of death. Therefore God has highly exalted him. "In other words Jesus behaved as a man was suppose to behave doing only what the Father told him to do." Therefore you see in Acts2: 22, Jesus as man in perfection "accredited by God" by miracles, wonders and signs "which God did" through HIM.

Jesus gave us the <u>perfect picture</u> that when a man humbles Himself to God, God will empower and move through him to expand God's kingdom. <u>Paul understood this</u> and as an <u>imperfect</u> man he humbled to himself to God. <u>In the same way</u> the power of God flowed through Jesus it also flowed through Paul.

Romans 15:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what <u>Christ has accomplished</u> **through me** by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, <u>by the power of the Spirit of God</u>—so that I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ.

Paul's miraculous testimony is attributed to what Christ accomplished through him; signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul's ministry and Jesus' ministry was attributed to the Holy Spirit working through them. Jesus gave us the perfect example of man as God intended. Paul also gives us an example of how a man was intended to behave; Paul an imperfect man who received the Holy Spirit. The Bible indicates that all believers are to walk in authority and power. Of course we all have different gifts and work together as a body. However we all are to be supernaturally natural. "To be normal we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit exercising gifts of the Spirit." The following are some things normal for Christians.

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (ESV)

The manifestation of the Spirit: Word of Wisdom; Word of Knowledge; Faith; Gifts of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Distinguishing between spirits; Tongues (do not neglect the gift of tongues); Interpretation of Tongues.

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Then we are strongly encouraged to receive and exercise the gifts of a normal Christian.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV)
Pursue love, and **earnestly desire** the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

Prophetic Team - Speak into your life what the Holy Spirit is doing.

These are all affirmations and confirmations of the message of first importance.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (ESV)

³ For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.