

I. HOLY SPIRIT – THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

A. As a member of the Trinity, Holy Spirit is God.

¹And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1: 1)

²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:24)

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (1Cor. 6:19)

⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Rev. 2:7)

B. Holy Spirit is the Helper, sent by the Father, spoken of by the Son.

¹⁵"If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. (Jn. 14: 15-18)

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (Jn. 14: 26)

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (Jn. 15: 26)

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (Jn. 16: 7)

II. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The primary purpose or work of the Holy Spirit is to testify of Jesus Christ in the heart of every believer. Scripture calls it the spirit of Sonship (adoption). It is the testimony of the Father spoken over his children that they belong to him and are in his family. The Holy Spirit for the believer is the seal of sonship and fellowship with God; our witness we have a place in the Father's family.

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Divine Encourager], that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. Jn. 14: 16-18

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption [sonship] by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Rom. 8:15) [Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5]

13...having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Eph. 1:13-14)

- B. Holy Spirit is the *teacher of truth about Jesus*. The Holy Spirit guides into the truth of God's Word, revealing the hidden meaning, making its teachings clear, and causing even the most familiar passages to radiate with new beauty and meaning.¹ Before Pentecost, the disciples sometimes struggled with understanding; but post-Pentecost their understanding and preaching were increased dramatically.

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- C. Holy Spirit *convicts* and *reproves*.

7Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:... (Jn. 16:7-8)

- D. Holy Spirit *empowers* believers.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

- E. Holy Spirit *intercedes* for the purposes of God to manifest on the earth.

26Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom. 8:26)

- F. Holy Spirit *purifies* believers. Holy Spirit connects us with our justification before God in righteousness affirming our new *legal position* with God (Rom. 3:21-31; Eph. 1: 13-14). And Holy Spirit is the *change agent* that continues the sanctification processes throughout life helping us with our *living condition* as we walk in happy holiness (Rom. 6, 8; 1Thess. 4:3-8).

- G. Holy Spirit *unifies* believers with God, Jesus, other believers.

¹Duffield, G. P., & Van Cleave, N. M. (1983). *Foundations of Pentecostal theology* (287). Los Angeles, Calif.: L.I.F.E. Bible College.

And He himself [Jesus] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints...for the edifying of the body...till be all come to the unity of the faith...Eph. 4: 11-15

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Rev. 22:17a

- H. Holy Spirit **responds** to the will of men. Holy Spirit **increases** his activity and witness of God's presence in response to the **love of God, faith** and **obedience**. Holy Spirit **decreases** his activity and witness of God's presence in response to **unbelief** and **disobedience**.

III. HOLY SPIRIT HELPS WITH THREE PRIMARY ASPECTS OF OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

- A. **Dedication**. Holy Spirit empowers us unto **wholeheartedness** in our dedication to walk out the commandments Jesus left behind for us. Jesus was completely obedient to his Father and this obedience was empowered by Holy Spirit. Obedience was the way Jesus decided to demonstrate his love for his Father.
- B. **Devotion**. Holy Spirit empowers our reach in love. Holy Spirit is the guardian of the culture of love (agape, phileo, storge and eros) and humility, in the body of Christ. It is the indwelling Holy Spirit who helps you cultivate the "**I love you, Jesus**" in your heart. Holy Spirit **in you** loves to share his love with Jesus seated on the throne at the right hand of God the Father.
- C. **Grace of God**. Holy Spirit is a witness in our hearts that the same love between Jesus and the Father has been granted to us. The Father demonstrated that his love for his Son existed before Jesus had done any ministry. Therefore, we can understand that, **the Father loves us, likes us and takes pleasure in us, even while we are growing and maturing**. This truth revealed by Holy Spirit **empowers our confidence and releases boldness in our faith**.
- D. These three keys to our spiritual journey in God are the primary areas of focus that need to be guarded in our lives.

Keep [guard] your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Prov. 4: 23