

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.

¹⁵If 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)

- C. Holy Spirit is a *historical* truth. On the day of Pentecost the day the church of Jesus was born, Holy Spirit was the initiator of this moment, and is worthy of remembrance. Holy Spirit is a *doctrinal/theological* reality, a member of the Trinity and therefore God, foundational to the understanding and life of the church. And Holy Spirit is an *existential* reality. He's real, a person and therefore we are able to experience Him.

1. These three truths about Holy Spirit are critical for the church to understand today. Many churches teach that giving of Holy Spirit is a historical event and doctrinal/theological reality. Yet many churches teach that experiencing the Holy Spirit's baptism is 'not for today.' This is very confusing.

- D. *'I have a passion to see Word and Spirit brought together in harmony. I believe that theology must be translated into experience and that experience must be grounded in theology. Either without the other is a distortion of the Christian faith and vulnerable to serious error.'*¹

¹ Pawson, David (2011). *Jesus Baptises in one Holy Spirit* (Kindle Locations 170-171). Terra Nova Publications. Kindle Edition.

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.

¹⁷And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mat 3:17)

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. From the beginning of creation, we have always seen the activity of the Holy Spirit. He seems to be the agent by which God performs his works. We see the Spirit hovering over the 'face of the deep' just before the earth is created.

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1: 1-2)

- C. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and conceived Jesus. [Lk. 1:35]

- D. Peter's shadow would pass over the sick and they would be healed. [Acts 5:15]

- E. Holy Spirit is the teacher. 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.²

1. Before Pentecost, the disciples sometimes struggled with understanding; but post-Pentecost their understanding and preaching were increased dramatically.

²⁶But 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)

- F. Holy Spirit reveals Jesus.

²Duffield, G. P., & Van Cleave, N. M. (1983). *Foundations of Pentecostal theology* (287). Los Angeles, Calif.: L.I.F.E. Bible College.

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)

- G. 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)

III. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Holy Spirit *empowers* believers.

1. Wholeheartedness with God.
2. Grace with men.
3. Gifts and ministries

- B. 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)

- C. Holy Spirit *purifies* believers.

1. Justification before God in righteousness. Legal Position with God.
2. Sanctification processes throughout life. Living Condition.

- D. Holy Spirit *reveals* truth to believers. 1Cor. 2:10

1. Communion and fellowship with God. Voice of God.
2. Escort into all truth. He leads and guides. He teaches.
 - a. Light of revelation and wisdom with the Word of God.
 - b. Dreams, visions, encounters, experiences.

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

1. Reconciles God with men in vision, purpose, identity, activity, norms, values, etc.
2. Co-laborer with Christ and the Father.

3. Co-laborer with believers
 4. Eph. 4: 11-15 and Rev. 22:17 very powerful verses that reflect this understanding of unity
- F. Holy Spirit **responds** to the will of men.
1. Holy Spirit **increases** his activity and witness of God's presence in response to **love of God, faith and obedience.**
 2. Holy Spirit **decreases** his activity and witness of God's presence in response to **unbelief and disobedience.**

IV. VARIOUS NAMES FOR HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Holy Spirit
- B. Spirit of Truth
- C. Helper
- D. Comforter
- E. 7 Spirits of God – Isa. 11.
 1. The Spirit of the LORD;
 2. The Spirit of Wisdom
 3. The Spirit of Understanding
 4. The Spirit of Counsel
 5. The Spirit of Might
 6. The Spirit of Knowledge
 7. The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

V. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S PRIMARY MESSAGE

⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize [fully submerge] you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8)

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Matt. 3: 11)

16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
(Lk. 3: 16)

- A. John the Baptist declared that a function of Jesus would be to baptize believers with Holy Spirit and fire. Being given extraordinary power was not a new concept, the Old Testament was full of stories where God's Spirit descended on men and women giving them his power to accomplish amazing things. However, the aspect of baptism in 'Holy' Spirit is a new idea to the Jewish mind at that time.
 - 1. John promised Jesus would plunge believers in 'holy Spirit'. Bible commentators make the adjective a name changing the full meaning of what John was preaching. John's point was that the same person who took their sin away (Jesus, Lamb of God) was the same baptizer of believers into the holiness of God.
 - 2. This baptism into holiness of the Spirit of God has a two fold effect. First, it addresses ones **legal position** before God. By the blood of Jesus, we have been brought into the family of God. We are washed from sin and accepted into a new family. We are set apart from sin and set apart unto God. We have been given the righteousness of God therefore, are clean before Him and this fact cannot be improved upon. Secondly, it addresses the continual need of the Holy Spirit to maintain with our cooperation this holiness in our **living condition** before God. Holy Spirit leads us and guides us into all truth and by fellowship with Holy Spirit we are empowered to love God with all our heart (Mk.12:30).

VI. JESUS BAPTIZES WITH HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Few consider the truth that it is Jesus who baptizes with Holy Spirit. The literal meaning of Jesus as a baptizer with Holy Spirit has been adjusted in meaning and sense with the addition of the article 'the' making Holy Spirit into a name instead of a power encounter with the Spirit of God.
- John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16)***
- 1. Jesus is the one who baptizes believers with Holy Spirit and fire. We see an initial installment in Acts 2 when Holy Spirit came like a rushing wind into the upper room enabling the disciples to speak with new languages. Divided tongues of fire came upon

VII. RESIDENTIAL (DWELLING PLACES) OF HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Throne room of God.
- B. His temple on the earth.
 - 1. The physical bodies of willing humans.

2. Jerusalem
3. Church buildings
4. Any physical place he is welcomed.

VIII. HOW DOES HOLY SPIRIT HELP US IN BIBLE STUDY?

- A. Jesus declares that Holy Spirit will lead us into all things, reminding us of his teachings.

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. John 14:26

- B. The Apostle John reminds all believers that the anointing (Holy Spirit) received from Jesus enables them to understand what they are being taught.

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. 1John 2:27

- C. Paul discusses the purpose and power of Holy Spirit as he teaches the Corinthian church.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1Corinthians 2: 9-16

1. It's Holy Spirit that reveals the deep things of God's heart to our spirit, mind, soul, and body.
2. Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God.
3. Holy Spirit reveals them to our spirit therefore they cannot be naturally discerned.
4. Holy Spirit's goal in leading us spiritually to the spiritual truths of God is to give us the mind of Christ. In this way we come to understand with spiritual understanding how Jesus thinks and feels.

- D. Therefore, as we study the word of God I recommend we often throughout our study pray simple one phrase prayers asking for Holy Spirit to open our eyes and give us understanding.

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened...Eph. 1: 17-18