

“Trinity: Three in One, Holy Spirit”
Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV), 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

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This Pentecost!!!! Everything is new!!! THIS is the birth of the church. He turns us around, turns our life upside down. God is Here, Christ is Here, The Spirit is Here. Three in One.

Acts 2:1-4 New Living Translation (NLT) ² On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit....

We have gathered in this place at this time to be something new. To refresh the old. To reboot the past, to be the Church God created us to be. To be the new creation.

The Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Oh, people through the Holy Spirit we ARE a new creation.

When we think of the Holy Spirit we usually think of the New Testament. We believe in 3 in one, from the beginning. Genesis 1:2---“the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” Yes, from the beginning, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We go on and read more of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. In Judges (3:10) Othniel was the first of the Judges in the Bible. It says the “Spirit of the Lord came on him.” By the way although not certain Othniel’s name may mean “God is my strength,” God has helped me.” I pray that we will find today that when the Holy Spirit is on us, each and every one of us...He is our strength. He will help you.

In the Old Testament with Gideon (Judges 6:34) it says, “The Spirit came upon him.” Of Samson it is said (Judges 14:6), “The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him.” David in 2 Samuel 23:2, “The Spirit of the Lord spoke through him.” Ezekiel says (Ezekiel 2:2) “The Spirit came INTO me.” And the Psalmist says, (Psalm 143:10), “May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

Yes! Yes! Yes! Spirit, Holy Spirit come upon me. Spirit, Holy Spirit come into me. Oh, Holy Spirit lead me on. Amen? Amen.

In our scripture read this morning from the Prophet Isaiah. Jesus applied these very verses to himself in the synagogue at Nazareth. **Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor...**

Jesus read this passage from Isaiah, rolled the scroll up and gave it back. All eyes are on him. And then Jesus said, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus certainly used this Old Testament passage in Isaiah as a “Messianic” text. Here the prophet Isaiah is foretelling of the Messiah to come and that the Holy Spirit is on Him. Indeed, anointed with the Holy Spirit. The scripture said “hear of the Lord’s favor.” Year does not mean calendar year, but a time when salvation would be proclaimed. That is: The Messianic Age.

Jesus used this passage as it alludes to the Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25:8+). This was the time when once every 50 years, debts were cancelled---I need to check to with my banks to see if this is the Year of Jubilee and my debts and loans are forgiven. Isaiah predicted the freedom of Israel from the future Babylonian exile.

Jesus proclaimed freedom from sin and all its consequences.

So indeed, the Spirit, the Holy Spirit was active in the Old Testament. Jesus references that. May we have the Holy Spirit on us to bind up the brokenhearted, have power to proclaim freedom for the captives and freedom from all those imprisoned by the chains of sin, abuse, and wrongdoing. The year of the Lord’s favor...freedom from sin!!!! Indeed, a jubilee!!!

I have grown up Methodist. To be honest I did not hear much preaching on the Holy Spirit. Oh, about God the Father.... yes, the Creator. And certainly, I heard much preaching on God the Son, Jesus our Savior. In the Greek it is **ΙΗΣΟΥΣ**. (Iota eta sigma) So you may see the letters **IHS**. By the way this does not necessarily stand for One Hour Service---although we really try hard.

Yes, God the Creator. Jesus the Savior. But what about the Holy Spirit. What does He do in this mysterious Trinity? Methodist E. Stanley Jones said, “A little boy when asked what the Holy Spirit means replied, “I suppose it is what puts the “umph” in Christianity.” Well, let’s look at some of the UMPH that the Holy Spirit does. By scripture, “What does the Holy Spirit do?”

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

1. CONVICTS John 16:8

John 16:8 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

2. RENEWS Titus 3:5

Titus 3:5 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

3. COMFORTS John 14:16

John 14:16 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

4. Gives HOPE Romans 15:3

Romans 15:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

5. TEACHES John 14:26

John 14:26 New International Version (NIV)

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

6. Sanctifies 1 Corinthians 6:11

1 Corinthians 6:11 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

7. GUIDES John 16:13

John 16:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

8. GIVES GIFTS 1 Corinthians 12:4

1 Corinthians 12:4 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

9. HELPS Romans 8:26

Romans 8:26 New International Version (NIV)

²⁶ **In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.**

10. FILLS you Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 5:18 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁸ **Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,**

11. Has You produce Christian EVIDENCE Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

Do you show the evidence of the Holy Spirit in you? Father Richard Rohr is an American author, spiritual writer and Franciscan friar. Popular among people of all denominations. I receive an email every day from his Center of Action and Contemplation. I read and reflect as part of my daily devotions. At the end of May he was writing about the Holy Spirit. In one of his reflections (A Constant Grace, May 22, 2019) Rohr said this:

The love in you—which is the Spirit in you—.... Love is not something you do; love is something you are. It is your True Self. Love is where you came from and love is where you're going. It's not something you can buy. It's not something you can attain. It's the presence of God within you, called the Holy Spirit...

You can't manufacture this by any right conduct... You can't make God love you one ounce more than God already loves you right now. You can go to church every day for the rest of your life. God isn't going to love you any more than God loves you right now.

You cannot make God love you any less, either—not an ounce less. Do the most terrible thing and God wouldn't love you less. You cannot change the Divine mind about you! The flow is constant, total, and 100 percent toward your life. God is for you.

We can't diminish God's love for us. What we *can* do, however, is learn how to believe it, receive it, trust it, allow it, and celebrate it, accepting Trinity's whirling invitation to join in the cosmic dance."

Oh, a cosmic dance. Where we know every ounce of us are loved. The cosmic dance we demonstrate and show the evidence of the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

12. EMPOWERS Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Oh, this is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit enters our lives and we become a new creation. He turns us around. He turns our lives upside down. He blows away the stale and the old. We are made new. We are made whole.

He convicts, He renews, He comforts, He gives hope. He teaches. He sanctifies, He guides. He gives gifts, He helps. He fills you. He helps you demonstrate your newness by the fruit of the Spirit. And friends---He empowers.

We cannot rely on our own strength. We need the Power of Pentecost. We need the Power of the Holy Spirit.

As the Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 13:14 New International Version (NIV): ¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Love of God, grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship of the Holy Spirit---THREE IN ONE---be with you all.

Oh Come Holy Spirit!!!!