

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU

John 14:26

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INTRODUCTION

- A. We declare our faith in the Trinitarian God when we sing, "God in three persons, blessed trinity."
 - 1. Yet in our conversations about God we tend to emphasize the first two persons of the Trinity more than the third.
 - 2. We usually begin our prayers with the words, "Our Father", and end them with , "In Jesus' Name".
 - 3. But how often do you hear a prayer addressed to the Holy Spirit?
 - 4. Perhaps the reason is that its easier to visualize Father and Son then to visualize the Holy Spirit, especially with the KJV of "Holy Ghost".
- B. The Apostle's Creed contains a statement about the third person of the Trinity: "I believe in the Holy Sprit."
- C. Lets consider two questions about the Holy Spirit tonight. First, who is He? Second, what does He have to do with us?

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- A. First, the Holy Spirit is a person. How do we know?
 - 1. Jesus did not promise an impersonal entity an "it"
-John 16: 13 ¹³ **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes...**
 - 2. When we baptize in accordance with Matthew 28:19, it is in the NAME of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
¹⁹ **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**
 - 3. He possesses personal characteristics: He speaks, convinces, commands, guides, creates, sanctifies, intercedes, inspires, etc
 - 4. He responds to personal treatment: He is resisted, grieved, blasphemed, tempted, and lied to.
- B. Second, the Holy Spirit is God. (The third person of the Trinity) How?
 - 1. He's shown to be God by the four Divine attributes which are ascribed to Him:
 - a. Omnipotence: cf. Luke 1:35
³⁵ **The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.**
 - b. Omnipresence: Ps. 139:7-10
⁷ **Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**
⁸ **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
⁹ **If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,**
¹⁰ **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**
 - c. Omniscience: 1Co. 2:10-11
¹⁰ **but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.**
¹¹ **For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**

- d. Eternal: cf. Hebrews 9:14
 - ¹⁴ **How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!**
- 2. He is shown to be God by the Divine works which are ascribed to Him.
 - a. Only God can create. "The Spirit of God made me..." cf. Job 33:4a
 - ⁴ **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**
 - b. Only God can impart life--Ge. 2:7
 - ⁷ **the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**
 - c. Only God can resurrect the dead--Romans 8:11
 - ¹¹ **And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.**
- 3. He is shown to be God by the Scriptures that declare Him to be--Acts 5:3-4
 - ³ **Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?**
 - ⁴ **Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."**

II. What Does He Have To Do With Us?

A. First, in relation to the unsaved.

- 1. He restrains the power of Satan on earth--2 Thess. 2:3-12
 - ⁸ **And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.**
- 2. He reproves the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. cf. John 16:8-11
 - ⁸ **When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:**

B. Second, in relation to the believer.

- 1. He regenerates us. cf. Tit. 3:5
 - 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,**
- 2. He indwells us. cf. 1 Co. 6:19
 - ¹⁹ **Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;**
- 3. He seals (preserves) us. cf. Eph. 4:30
 - ³⁰ **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**
- 4. He empowers us. "...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." cf. 1 Jn. 4:4b
 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.**
- 5. He will guide us into all truth. cf. Jn. 16:13
 - ¹³ **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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.**
- 6. He comforts us like no other—John 14:16.
 - John 14:16 (KJV) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

C. In relation to the Scriptures.

1. He authored them

a. **"All Scripture is given by inspiration..."** 2 Ti. 3:16

b. **"...Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."**

2 Pe. 1:21

2. He interprets them.

"...No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." 2 Pe. 1:20

CONCLUSION

A. We believe in a Trinitarian God and the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

B. In our prayers, and more importantly in our lives, lets be sure to include the Holy Spirit.