

Fundamentals Of The Church

God The Holy Spirit

(Jn 14:16-26)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church."
 - a. We have looked at God The Father, Son and now Holy Spirit.
3. The Holy Spirit
 - a. Studying the Holy Spirit is to most a desired experience.
 - i. Much like studying the book of Revelation.
 - ii. This is due to the fact that many know little about this personality of the Godhead.
 - b. A study of the Holy Spirit however will show that He is not only just as much a part of the Godhead as the Father and the Son but that He is also just as important.
4. As with the studies on the Father and the Son we will examine the characteristics of the Holy Spirit that will allow us to grow closer to Him.

I. The Holy Spirit Is God

- A. He is omniscient
 1. **I Co 2:10-11** "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."¹
 2. Though the Spirit can know the mind of God the Father there are things the Father knows the Spirit doesn't.
 - i. **Mt 24:36** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."
- B. He is omnipresent
 1. **Ps 139:7** "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?"
- C. He is omnipotent
 1. **He 9:14** "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal** Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (emphasis mine)

II. The Holy Spirit Has Been & Is Active

- A. He had an active role in creation
 1. **Jb 33:4** "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
 2. **Gn 1:2** "The 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."

¹ All scriptures are the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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- B. He had an active role in bring the Word of God to all
 - 1. **II Pt 1:20-21** "knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."
- C. He is active through the Word of God
 - 1. **He 4:12** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

III. The Holy Spirit Is Love

- A. He is love
 - 1. **Ro 15:30** "Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me"
- B. He lovingly searched the mind of God to give us what we needed
 - 1. **I Co 2:10** "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."
 - i. **Jn 12:48** "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him— the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."
 - ii. **Jn 16:13** "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."
- C. He lovingly seals each person who obeys God's Plan of Salvation
 - 1. **Ep 1:13** "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"
 - 2. **Ac 2:38** "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- D. He thus lovingly has a part in giving us eternal life
 - 1. **Ga 6:8** "For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."
 - i. **Ro 8:11** "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."
- E. He lovingly intercedes on our behalf in prayer
 - 1. **Ro 8:26** "Likewise 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."
 - i. This is not the same a mediator which is Jesus' role.
 - a. "Mediation is what opens the door for the Father to listen."
(The Work of the Holy Spirit by Rhodes, Kevin W. pg. 3)
 - b. "Intercession is what provides the interpretation of all that we are praying." (Ibid)

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- F. Because He loves us He is hurt by our sin
 - 1. **Ep 4:30** "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
 - i. **Ac 7:51** "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you."

CONCLUSION

- 1. The Holy Spirit is the last personality of the Godhead for our study. He completes the three that are one.
 - a. All three participate in every aspect of everything, simply with different roles but with one mindset and thus goal.
 - i. All three participated in creation...
 - 1. **Gn 1:26-27** "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
 - ii. All three participated in the incarnation...
 - 1. God sent His Son.
 - a. **Jn 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
 - 2. The Son was manifested...
 - a. **Jn 1:14** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
 - 3. The Spirit effected the conception...
 - a. **Lk 1:35** "And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."
 - iii. All three participate in salvation...
 - 1. **II Co 13:14** "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."
 - b. As brother Rhodes put it, "We are the result of the creative act of the Godhead." (Ibid)
- 2. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**