

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SERIES: THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 28:16-20

INTRODUCTION:

- A.** The Holy Spirit is a Person – the third Person of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is fully God just as the Father and Son are fully God.
 - “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen” (2 Cor 13:14).
 - “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one” (1 John 5:7).
 - God is three persons – but only one God – Three Persons in One God.

- B.** At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell and seal Believers (Eph 1:13-14). The seal is permanent and indicates that we are His children forever and that our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (contains the names of Believers who will enjoy eternity with the Lord).
 - This seal of the Holy Spirit cannot be broken by anyone or anything, it guarantees our **Eternal Security** (The Christian Doctrine that from the moment of salvation, a Christian is saved from Hell and will not lose Salvation – “Once Saved Always Saved.”)

C. The Walk of the Christian

A father and son arrived in a small western town looking for an uncle whom they had never seen. Suddenly, the father, pointing across the square to a man who was walking away from them, exclaimed, “There goes my uncle!”

His son asked, “How do you know when you have not seen him before?” “Son, I know him because he walks exactly like my father.” If we walk in the Spirit, the world should know us by our walk – (Ministry 127).

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

- A. The Holy Spirit is Truly a Person** – not an impersonal thing (something that is non-existing; having no personality).

B. According to the Bible, The Holy Spirit is a He

- “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).
- “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me” (John 15:26).
- “¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:13-14).

C. As a Person, the Holy Spirit Does Not Have a Body

He is a Spirit, just as God the Father is a Spirit.

- “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom 8:16).
- **Note: God the Son – Jesus Christ – has a human body**
(Doctrine of Incarnation) – Christ is fully God and fully Human
“And the Word was made 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” (John 1:14).

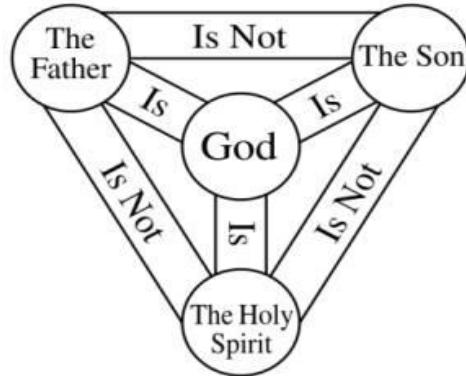
D. The Holy Spirit is God – The Third Person of the Trinity

- “³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God (Acts 5:3-4).
- “⁶ Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor 3:16-17).

The Trinity is the foundational Christian belief that God is One Being who exists in Three Persons.

(Source: Shield of the Trinity – Understanding the Holy Spirit Made Easy by Paul Carden)

THE SHIELD OF THE TRINITY



The following twelve propositions can be read off this diagram:

• The Father is God"
• "The Son is God"
• "The Holy Spirit is God"
• "God is the Father"
• "God is the Son"
• "God is the he Holy Spirit"
• "The Father is not the Son"
• "The Father is not the Holy Spirit"
• "The Son is not the Father"
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• "The Holy Spirit is not the Son"

II. NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has many Names in the Bible, such as:

A. "Spirit" (Eph 5:18)

- Be filled with the Spirit which means a life controlled and empowered by God. It results in the Fruit of the Spirit.

B. "Holy Spirit" (Luke 11:13)

- **The promise of the Holy Spirit represents God's presence and power within Believers. The Holy Spirit is a gift that empowers, guides, and comforts Believers.**
 - "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

- “²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Rom 8:26-27).

C. “Spirit of Truth” (John 14:17)

- The Holy Spirit will guide Believers into all Truth (John 16:13). He reveals the Truth of God’s Word and the reality of Christ.

D. “Spirit of Adoption” (Rom 8:15)

- When a person becomes a Believer, he is adopted into the Family of God with all the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian family.

E. “Spirit of God” (Rom 8:9)

- The dwelling presence of the Holy Spirit means that a person is a True Believer – It is a mark of God’s ownership and the guarantee of eternal life.

F. “Spirit of Christ” (Rom 8:9)

- To have the “Spirit of Christ” means a personal relationship with Christ and inclusion in the Family of God.

G. “Spirit of Glory” (1 Peter 4:14)

- This means that those who suffer for Christ’s sake are not abandoned but are indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

H. “Spirit of Grace” (Heb 10:29)

- The “Spirit of Grace” refers to the Holy Spirit, who is active in applying the benefits of Christ’s work to Believers. The Believer is living for Christ based on Grace.

I. “Spirit of Promise” (Eph 1:13)

- **The Holy Spirit is God’s seal that we belong to Him and His guarantee to us is that He will do what He has promised to do.**
 - “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

J. “Spirit of Wisdom” (Eph 1:17)

- The “Spirit of Wisdom” means that the Holy Spirit will impart understanding and insight into divine Truths. The Holy Spirit will reveal the concepts of God.

K. “Good Spirit” (Neh 9:20)

- The Holy Spirit is a Divine Instructor, teacher and guide. God is always faithful.

L. “Spirit of the Lord” (Luke 4:18)

- The “Spirit of the Lord” refers to the divine empowerment of God upon Jesus. Jesus was marked as the Chosen One, set apart for a divine purpose.

M. “Holy Ghost” (Acts 1:5)

- This baptism of the Holy Spirit marks the beginning of the church and the empowerment of Believers for ministry. It enables Believers to live out the teachings of Jesus and the spreading of the Gospel.

N. “Comforter” (John 14:16)

- Comforter means helper, counselor, and advocate. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide. He is on our side, working for and with us. He helps us make decisions by applying the Truths of God’s Word to our situation.

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- A. What does the Holy Spirit’s great power mean to you?**
- B. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?**
- C. Will the Holy Spirit ever leave a Believer? (Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14)**

MEMORY VERSE:

“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” (2 Cor 1:22).

CONCLUSION:

- A. “Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless.”—Charles Spurgeon**
- B. “The Word of God is our only standard and the Holy Spirit our only teacher.” – George Muller**
- C. “When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be.” – A.W. Tozer**
- D. The Bible is clear that the Holy Spirit is God Himself.” – Billy Graham**
- E. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13).**



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).