

## The Holy Spirit

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In this lesson we desire to consider:

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- The personality of the Holy Spirit.

## The Holy Spirit Is A Member Of The Godhead

- The term "Godhead" is found three times in the KJV. Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9
  - In Acts 17:29 it is rendered "divine being" (ESV) or "Divine Nature" (NASB).
  - In Romans 1:20 it is also translated "divinity" (ASV), or "divine nature" (NASB & ESV).
  - In Colossians 2:9 it is rendered "Deity" (NASB & ESV)
  - While three different Greek word forms are used in these passages, all of them are derivations of *theos*, and denote "deity, divinity, the divine nature, the divine majesty, that which pertains to God, godhead." (Thayer, page 258).

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- *theos*, defines the quality or character of the essence, substance, or being of one who is God.
  - The Godhead (or godhood), therefore is made up of such Beings as are of divine nature and possess divine majesty.
  - Illustrate: Manhood, childhood, etc.

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- The Scriptures reveal a plurality of beings in the Godhead. Genesis 1:1
- The Hebrew word for "God" in Genesis 1:1 is "*elohim*" a plural noun.
- The plurality of persons in the Godhead is seen in the pronouns of Genesis 1:26; cf. John 1:1-3

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- The concept is difficult to illustrate because there is nothing to compare to God. There can be no perfect analogies.
- Consider Genesis 2:24 "*shall become one flesh*"
- Consider John 17:11 "*one even as We are*"

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- Some have likened the Godhead to the three states of H<sub>2</sub>O: liquid, solid, and gas.
- All are the same in substance, yet water, ice, and steam have individually distinct characteristics.

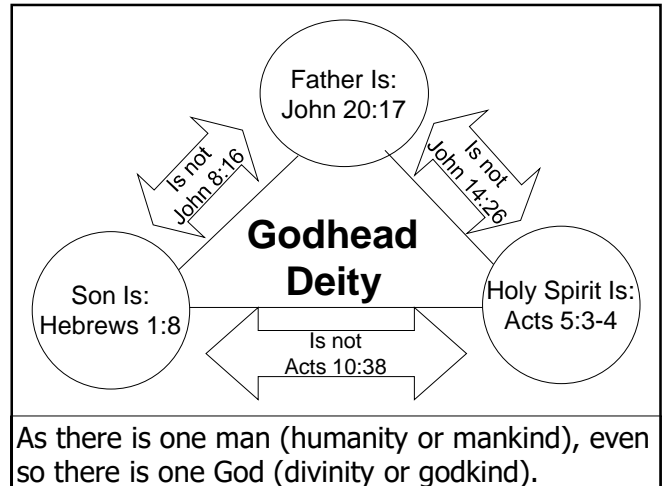
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- The three were present in the beginning. Genesis 1:1-2; cf. John 1:1-2
- The three were present at the baptism of Jesus. Matthew 3:16-17
- Baptism administered in the name of the three. Matthew 28:18-20
- Paul's entreaty to God involved the three. Romans 15:30
- The conclusion to the saints in Corinth was in the name of the three. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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NOTE: Each is individually called God.

- Father. 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Son. Titus 2:11-13
- Holy Spirit. Acts 5:1-4



## Identity Of The Holy Spirit

### **The Holy Spirit is not:**

- Some mystical, indefinite, indefinable substance that enshrouds and permeates the universe like a fog or the atmosphere.
- A mere "influence," or vague, impersonal power released in response to human needs.
- The mind, temper, or disposition of God or Christ.
- The Bible, or the New Testament, or the written word of God.

## Identity Of The Holy Spirit

### **The Holy Spirit is:**

- God – (Deity). cf. Acts 5:3-4
- He is eternal. Hebrews 9:14
- Omnipresent. Psalms 139:7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:19

## Identity Of The Holy Spirit

### **He possesses divine power.**

- He creates. Genesis 1:1-2; Job 26:13; Psalms 104:30
- He works miracles. Matthew 12:28; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11
- He inspires prophets. 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:19-21
- He teaches men. John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13

## Identity Of The Holy Spirit

### **He possesses divine attributes:**

- Power. Romans 15:13
- Instruction. Nehemiah 9:20; 1 Corinthians 2:9-11
- Will. 1 Corinthians 12:11; Acts 15:28
- Comfort. John 14:16-17
- Truth. John 16:13

We must clearly discern this distinction between the ATTRIBUTES of the Holy Spirit and the BEING of the Holy Spirit.

## Identity Of The Holy Spirit

**He** to whom these qualities and powers are attributed must of necessity be a **Divine Person**, for such can only be attributed to one possessing both divinity and personality.

## The Holy Spirit Is A Divine Personality

He possesses the characteristics of a person:

- Mind ... "*The mind of the Spirit.*" Romans 8:27
- Knowledge ... Knows the things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:11
- Affection ... "*the love of the spirit.*" Romans 15:30
- Will ... dividing as He will. 1 Corinthians 12:11
- Goodness ... "*Your good Spirit.*" Nehemiah 9:20
- Judgment ... Acts 15:28

## The Holy Spirit Is A Divine Personality

Actions are attributed to the Holy Spirit which can only be performed by a person:

- He speaks ... 1 Timothy 4:1; Acts 8:29
- He witnesses or testifies ... John 15:26; Romans 8:16
- He teaches and quickens the mind ... John 14:26
- He leads and forbids. Acts 16:6-7

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Actions are attributed to the Holy Spirit which can only be performed by a person:

- He searches. 1 Corinthians 2:10
- He hears and shows. John 16:13-15
- He gives commandments. Acts 13:2; 16:6
- He glorifies. John 16:14
- He delivers Law. Romans 8:1-2

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He suffers injuries and slights which can only be ascribed to personality.

- He can be grieved. Ephesians 4:30
- He can be despised (insulted). Hebrews 10:29
- He can be blasphemed. Matthew 12:31-32
- He can be resisted. Acts 7:51
- He can be lied to. Acts 5:3

## The Holy Spirit Collaborates In The Work Of Deity

In the physical creation.

- God (Jehovah) planned it. Jeremiah 51:14-15
- God (the word, Son) executed it. John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; cf. 1 Corinthians 8:6
- God (the Holy Spirit) participated in it. Genesis 1:1-2; 2:7
  - He garnished the heavens. Job 26:13
  - He renewed the face of the earth. Psalms 104:30

## The Holy Spirit Collaborates In The Work Of Deity

In the spiritual creation.

- God planned it. Ephesians 1:8-11
- Jesus executed it. John 4:34; Ephesians 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; 1 Peter 1:18-20
- The Holy Spirit revealed it. John 16:13; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 3:1-4

## Conclusion:

- The Holy Spirit is a divine Being ... one of the Godhead.
- As a divine Being, He is a person possessing all the qualities of personality.
- Personality requires individuality, and individuality demands separation and distinction.
- As a person, He possesses power and influence.
- As a divine Being, He cooperates with other members of the Godhead in carrying out the divine will.

## How To Obey The Gospel

**Hear the word of God** (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; James 1:21)

**Believe the gospel message** (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)

**Repent of sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)

**Confess Jesus Christ** (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32-33)

**Be Baptized** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-4)

**Remain Obedient** (Matthew 7:21; Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 3:12)