

The Holy Spirit & Spirituality

Lesson #3 The Divinity of the Holy Spirit

Acts 5:1–4; 1 Cor. 2:10, 11; Isa. 63:10–14; Titus 3:4–6; Rom. 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:2.

2 Corinthians 13:14, (NASB) “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all”

The Holy Spirit and God

Acts 5:1–4 (NKJV) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. ² And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. ³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Think how easily Ananias and Sapphira may have justified their sin. A little “white lie”.

Luke 10:16 (NKJV) “*He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.*”

The Holy Spirit’s Divine Attributes

Isaiah 40:13–14 (ESV) Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? ¹⁴ Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

God cannot be taught. My visit with Mormons.

***1 Corinthians 2:10–11 (NKJV)** 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. **The Spirit has a Divine Knowledge.**

Psalms 139:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **Omnipresence.**

Jeremiah 23:24 (NKJV) Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord.

Numbers 11:24–30 “Eldad and Medad are prophesying...”

Proverbs 15:3 (NKJV) The eyes of the Lord are in every place,

Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

***Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)** 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? **Everlasting.**
Luke 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. **(Spirit is the highest and All Powerful).**

Romans 15:19 (NKJV) in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. **All Powerful.**

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,

“There is altogether too little made of the work of the Holy Spirit’s influence upon the church. . . . The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, in Christ’s name. He personifies Christ, yet is a distinct personality.” MS 93, 1893, in *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20

We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds. -- Ev 616

In 1907, A. T. Jones wrote, “The Holy Spirit is not an influence; nor an impression, nor peace, nor joy, nor any thing. . . . The Holy Spirit is a Person, eternally a divine Person.” -“Christian Loyalty,” *Medical Missionary*, March 27, 1907, 98.

Biblical Hints

Isaiah 63:10 (NKJV) But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

Numbers 14:11 (NKJV) Then the Lord said to Moses: “How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?”

Deuteronomy 32:12 (NKJV) So the Lord alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

2 Samuel 23:2–3 (NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. ³ The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: ‘He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.’

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (NKJV) *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

Relationship In The Trinity

The exact relationship between God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit is a great spiritual mystery we cannot fully understand, and it is never stated explicitly in the Bible.

The general teaching on the subject is that the Father is the head of Deity; the Son is the one who reveals Deity, while the Holy Spirit carries out the work of Deity.

The pattern that you find almost uniformly throughout the New Testament is to pray to the Father in the name of the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Two Prayers to Jesus. Acts 7:59; Revelation 22:20
John 5:22 (NKJV) *For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,*

John 14:28 (NKJV) *If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.*

Hebrews 1:1–2 (NKJV) *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

Colossians 1:16 (ESV) *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

John 3:16 (NKJV) *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.*

***Matthew 28:18** (NKJV) *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

1 Corinthians 15:27 (ESV) *For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.*

Philippians 2:9 (NKJV) *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*

- Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and was highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. PP 35
- Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone. PP 35
- The Son of God was next in authority to the great Lawgiver. He knew that his life alone could be sufficient to ransom fallen man. ... He was in the express image of his Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character. [Spirit of Prophecy Vol 2 Ch 1Pg 9.]

Divine Work of the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:4–6 (NKJV) *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

Isaiah 6:8–10 *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹ He said, "Go and tell this people: " 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."*

Acts 28:25–26 (NKJV) *So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "**The Holy Spirit spoke** rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, ²⁶ saying, 'Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive;*

Verses that explicitly reference all three members of the Trinity

1 Peter 1:2 (NKJV) *elect according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, in sanctification of **the Spirit**, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

2 Corinthians 13:14 *May the grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all.*

Matthew 3:16–17 (NKJV) *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

Matthew 12:28 (NKJV) *But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

Matthew 28:19 *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,*

***John 14:26** (NKJV) *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

John 15:26 *When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me . . .”*

Acts 1:4–5 (NKJV) *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

Acts 2:33 (NKJV) *Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Romans 8:11 (NKJV) *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.*

Galatians 4:6–7 (NKJV) *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”*

⁷ *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

Ephesians 1:17 (NKJV) *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,*

Hebrews 9:14 *How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers --the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.- Ev 615.

The Importance of His Divinity

1 Peter 1:2 (NKJV) *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

God eternally exists as three persons, Father, son and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God. Yet each of the persons of the Godhead is distinct in his primary function in relating to the world through creation and redemption: the Father plans, the Son executes, the Spirit applies.

God the Father is the great architect of creation, redemption and consummation, who plans directs and sends. The Son and the Holy Spirit are voluntarily subordinate to Him and role even while equal in deity.

God the Son obeys the Father, accomplishes redemption, and with the Father sends the Holy Spirit to apply the work He has begun. In all things He glorifies the Father.

God the Holy Spirit brings to completion the work planned by the Father and begun by the Son. In all things he works to glorify the Son.