

Review of Godhead Study

Part 2: The Holy Spirit



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CONJECTURE: Holy Spirit



- ❧ What about the Holy Spirit? – there is still some mystery here and want to give the Word more time to mature in my heart
 - ❧ I will say just a few things for now
 - ❧ He was manifested in these ways on earth
 - ❧ The form of a dove - during Jesus' baptism
 - ❧ Tongues as of fire – during Pentecost
 - ❧ Spiritual gifts to believers – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing spirits, various tongues (languages), interpretation of tongues (languages)
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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❧ He also manifested in this way:

❧ Fruit of the Spirit in a believer's heart – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control – Gal 5

❧ These are some examples of how the Holy Spirit is/was manifested on earth

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Here's what we also know about the Holy Spirit:

- ❧ The Holy Spirit is He who gives eternal life and we cannot be born again apart from Him – Jn 3
- ❧ The Father's Spirit – Mt 3:16, Jn 4:24 (“God is Spirit”)
- ❧ The Son's Spirit – Act 16:7 (“The Spirit of Jesus”)
- ❧ He is “the Spirit of Truth” – Jn 14:17
- ❧ He is sent by the Father and Son to be our Helper, Comforter, Teacher - Jn 14:16-26
- ❧ Thus, we cannot be born again, know and have faith in the Son apart from the Spirit's redeeming work!

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- ❧ But the Holy Spirit is NOT manifested as a Person figure in heaven
- ❧ All we are introduced to in heaven are: the Father, the Lamb, 24 Elders, 7 angels over the 7 churches, 4 Living Creatures, 7 Mighty angels, myriads and myriads of other angels, as well as other angels (Death, Hades, Abaddon) with specific tasks, souls under the altar, those who came out of great tribulation, fallen angels (an angelic rebellion)
- ❧ The 2 Most Prominent Figures with GREAT AUTHORITY - the Father/the Lamb

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CASE IN POINT:

- ✧ Although the Holy Spirit is not a Person figure, nor the center of attention on/around the throne...
- ✧ That in no way diminishes the Holy Spirit and His role in salvation!
- ✧ Although the Holy Spirit is not seen as a Person in heaven - He is nonetheless **THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD - PERSONIFIED!**

- ✧ The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit! And the Father and the Son share in that same Spirit!

CONJECTURE: Trinity



Q: What does this mean as far as the doctrine of the trinity?

A: Scripture reveals

- a Father/Son relationship
- the Father/Son are distinct beings (just as a father/son human relationship)
- although distinct beings, the Father/Son **SHARE AND UNITED BY THE SAME SPIRIT!**

CONJECTURE: So the notion that the God is 3 Persons (Personalities) co-equal in rank/power/authority is not quite accurate, God has 2 Personalities (Father and Son) and the Holy Spirit operates in accordance to them! Thus, the doctrine of the trinity circulating in many commentaries today, is a bit off kilter

ADMONITION



- ❧ Why did I feel this was necessary to review again?
- ❧ Without a proper understanding of the Godhead, the Persons, their roles, we cannot know God nor His Word fully and by extension
- ❧ Without a proper understanding of the Godhead, we cannot fully understand Revelation nor the rest of Scripture for that matter, let alone make sense of the scene in heaven
- ❧ It is **CRITICALLY IMPORTANT** that we have a proper view and balance of the Godhead in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him! And for the eyes our heart to be enlightened as the apostle Paul fervently prayer for! – Eph 1:18

Key Learnings from Both Excursion Studies



- ✧ This in a nutshell was the excursion we took in our Equality with God and Unashamed of the Godhead studies
- ✧ Now talk about an excursion! That excursion nearly killed me!
- ✧ We took another excursion as well... - that we'll cover next time!