

Meet the Holy Spirit #2

The Holy Spirit is God

Introduction:

1. We saw last week that the Holy Spirit is a person – not a force or an influence
 - a. He has qualities of a person
 - b. He has actions of a person
 - c. He can be treated as a person
2. He is not just a person – He is a divine person – He is God
3. He is a member of the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
4. We believe, and the Bible teaches, that the Holy Spirit is one with the Father in:
 - a. essence
 - b. power
 - c. being
 - d. glory
 - e. attributes
5. The study of God is the most beneficial pursuit in which God's people can be engaged – Phil 3:8
 - a. No other study will expand our mind + humble us at the same time
 - b. To learn of God strengthens our fellowship with God

I. The Holy Spirit is Associated with God

A. He is Called the Spirit of the Lord – 2 Cor 3:17

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

B. He is Called the Spirit of God – Matt 3:16

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

C. He is Called the Spirit of Truth – Jn 14:17

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

II. The Holy Spirit Has the Attributes of God

A. He is Eternal

1. The Father is eternal – Gen 1:1
1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2. The Son is eternal – Jn 1:1
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3. The Holy Spirit is eternal – Heb 9:14

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

B. He is Omnipotent – Zech 4:6

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

C. He is Omniscient

1. The Spirit knows all things – 1 Cor 2:9-12

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

2. Who directed the Spirit? – Isa 40:13-14

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

D. He is Omnipresent – Ps 139:7-10

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

E. He is Holy – Matt 28:19

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

F. He is Sovereign

1. Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
2. 1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

III. The Holy Spirit Performs the Works of God

A. Creation

1. Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
2. Ps 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.
3. Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

B. Regeneration - Jn 3:3, 5-8

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

C. Resurrection – Rom 8:11

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

D. Salvation – 1 Cor 6:11

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

IV. The Holy Spirit is Recognized as God

A. 1 Cor 3:16 – If the Spirit Indwells, God Indwells

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

B. Matt 12:31 – Holy Spirit May be Blasphemed

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

C. Compare Jer 31:31-34 and Heb 10:15

1. Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.
2. Heb 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

D. Acts 5 – Lying to the Holy Spirit is the Same as Lying to God

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 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. 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.