

The Holy Spirit: His Person and His Work

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John 3:8

I. Introduction

“The Christian life, true spirituality, can never have a mechanical solution. The real solution is being cast up into moment-by-moment communion, personal communion, with God himself, and letting Christ’s truth flow through me through the agency of the Holy Spirit.” Francis A. Schaeffer

We at AGCC, believe in the Word of God **AND** the power of the Holy Spirit. It is NOT an either/or relationship, it is an eternal partnership.

“Where the gospel is not cherished, the Spirit will not be experienced. And, on the flip side, where the Spirit is not sought, there will be no deep, experiential knowledge of the gospel.” JD Greear

The New Testament church was profoundly aware of the presence of God.

II. The Word of God is Clear

A lot of people like the Bible because it is clear, eternal and unchanging, but the Holy Spirit guides us in way mysterious and varied. But God leads us through this mystery of the Spirit and the clarity of His Word.

God’s Word is his revelation to us, but only through the ministry of the Spirit can we ever understand and obey it.

“But the Spirit and the Word work inseparably. One without the other leads to a dysfunctional Christianity. Just as a toaster without a plug is useless, biblical knowledge apart from the Spirit is impotent.” JD Greear

III. The Holy Spirit is Mystery

“The mystery of the Trinity is that only one God exists in three Persons. Each person is distinct from the other two, but in experiencing one, you experience the one God who is them all.” JD Greear

Name: The Holy Spirit

Spirit speaks of immaterial, freedom of movement, energy, dynamic movement

Holy speaks of sacredness, utter purity and righteousness, majesty and glory

The speaks of singularity and uniqueness (holy angels, holy people) but one hs

1) The Holy Spirit is a God

The Holy Spirit is recognized as God (Acts 5:3,4; Acts 21:11) Jesus refers to the HS as God (Matt.12:28).

The Holy Spirit has divine attributes. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent (Psalm 139, John 14:16,17). He is also omniscient (Isa. 40:13; 1 Cor. 2:10). He is also omnipotent. He is identical with Almighty God (Job 33:4; 1 Cor. 12:11).

2) The Holy Spirit is Person

He is not a power, thing or it! When referring to the HS personal pronouns such as He and Him are used (John 16:13 – "...he will guide you into all truth). Also, Acts 13:2 say "*Set apart from me...*)

3) The Holy Spirit has Personal Characteristics

He has intelligence (Acts 13, "Holy Spirit said...). He has a will (Acts 16:6, "forbidden by the HS to speak the word in Asia), and the HS has feelings or emotions (Isa. 63:10; Eph. 4:30).

4) The Holy Spirit Dwells Within You and Me!

This is just a few things he does for us:

- a) He counsels us
- b) He comforts us
- c) He helps us speak boldly
- d) He empowers us to overcome sin
- e) He convicts us and the world
- f) He brings life and freedom
- g) He gives gifts
- h) He produces fruit in us
- i) He assures us we have been adopted
- j) He reveals Scripture to us

IV. Conclusion

You won't know the Spirit any more than you know the Word of God. So if you want to walk with the Spirit of God, get on your knees and open your Bible.