



The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:3-4

Today we are faced with many problems. People have questions, they need answers. They look here and there for Help. I say, the Lord has supplied the Answer for all things that would arise.

The Church, the Spiritual Body of Jesus Christ, has the Answers to the problems that face the world, the Holy Spirit.

I humbly submit some questions and answers that are commonly asked concerning the Holy Spirit. I pray that they will find a place in your heart.

1. Is it necessary for Me to receive the Holy Spirit? (John 20:21-22)

2. Have You Received the Holy Spirit Since You Believed? (Acts 19:2)

The Lord gave instructions to receive the Holy Spirit. They could ONLY carry out the Great Commission with divine power from on high.

1. Is The Holy Spirit for Everyone? “For the promise is unto you, and to your children...as many as the Lord our God shall call.” (Acts 2:39). The Holy Spirit is for as many as have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. How can I receive the Holy Spirit Baptism? Faith and obedience are essential in receiving the Holy Spirit. Faith is believing what the Word of God declares and obedience to the absolute Truth. (Luke 11:13; Acts 5:32)

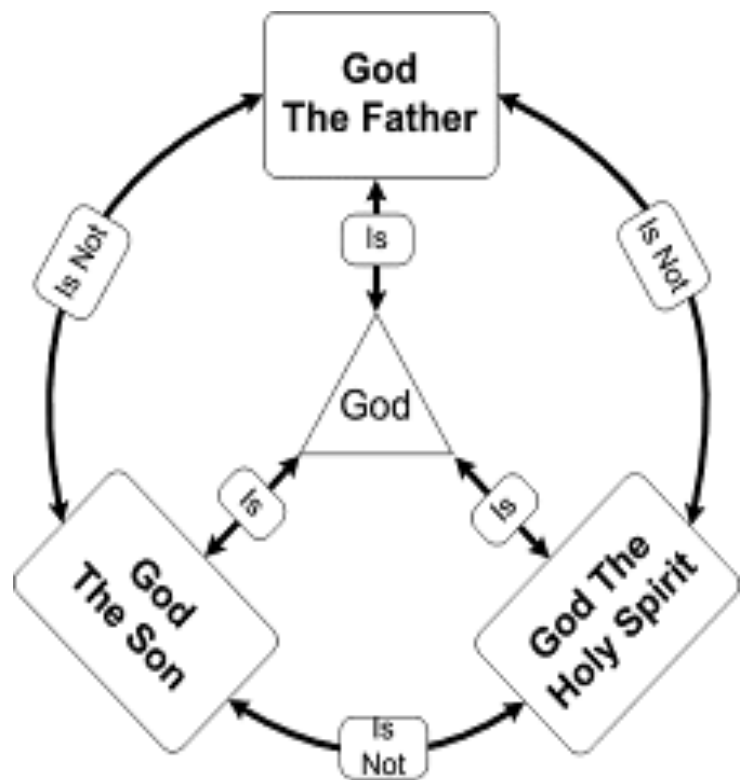
3. Believer's approach to receive the Holy Spirit? Let us therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)
4. Will I Speak in other tongues after receiving the Holy Spirit? For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people (Is. 28:11). ...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:3-4, 10:46-48, 19:1-6)

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The Holy Spirit is the spinal column in the body of Christ; he keeps the body (Church) in touch with the head (Jesus Christ).

The term pneumatology comes from two Greek words, (1) pneuma meaning “wind, breath or spirit” and (2) logos meaning “word, matter or thing.”.

Used in Christian systematic theology, “pneumatology” refers to the biblical study and doctrine of the Holy Spirit. This includes the personality, the deity, and the work of the Spirit.



I. Names of God's Spirit

A. Holy Spirit

B. Spirit of God

C. Spirit of Christ

1. Sent by Jesus Christ (John 16:7)
2. Dwells in the believer in Christ (Romans 8:9)
3. Confirms the believer in Christ (Phil. 1:11; Romans 12:2)
4. Reveals God's word to the believer in Christ (John 16:14)
5. Imparts God's power in the believer in Christ (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:8)

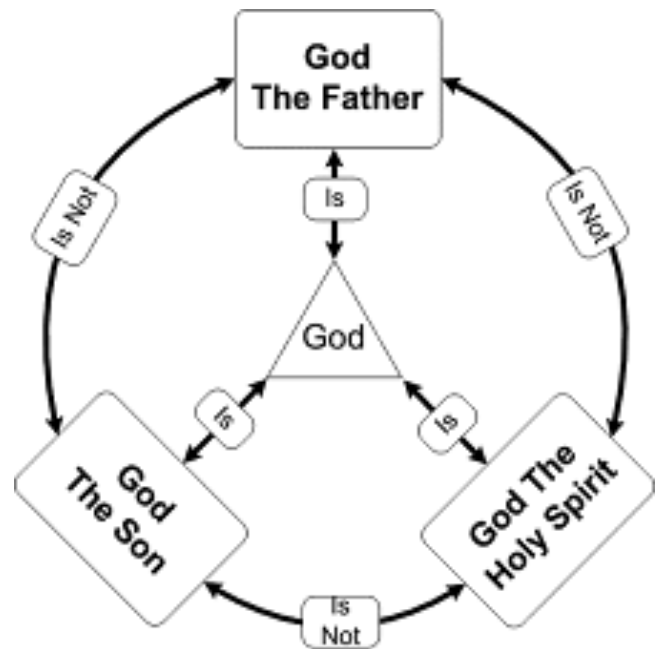
D. The Comforter

1. Comforts the believer in Christ (John 14:26; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

II. The Holy Spirit is a Person

A. The 3rd person, the Executive of the Trinity [tri-une: tri (3) – une (unity)] consists of three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7)

1. Unified in purpose: tri-unity
 - a) Genesis 1:26
 - b) Matthew 3:16-17, 28:18-19
 - c) John 14:16
 - d) 2 Corinthians 13:14
 - e) Acts 2:32-33; 10:38



B. Personality attributes: mind, will, feelings and emotions are seen in the scriptures as a person:

1. His mind (Romans 8:27)
2. His will (1 Corinthians 12:7)
3. His feelings & emotions (Ephesians 4:30)

C. Personal activities of the Holy Spirit

1. In creation – Genesis 1:1-2
2. In regeneration of a new creature – John 3:5-7
3. Speaks to us – Revelation 2:7
4. Teaches and reminds – John 14:26
5. Bears witness with our spirit – Romans 8:16

III. His Deity is Scripturally Confirmed

A. Eternal: everlasting (endless)– Hebrews 9:14

1. Omnipresent: present in all places–Ps 139:7-8
2. Omnipotent: unlimited power – Luke 1:35
3. Omniscient: knowing everything – 1 Cor. 2:11

B. What is a Para-kletos?

1. In Greek, the word comforter comes from the word para-kletos. Para means, a long side. Kletos means, to call.
2. The best way to describe a para-kletos is to study the life of para-kleto. Examine Jesus Christ (the 1st para-kletos). The 1st promised the send a 2nd
3. The characteristics and attributes of the Holy Spirit (2nd para-kletos) are exactly as the 1st (Jesus Christ), because they're co-equal (see the Trinity).
4. Jesus said, I'm going to pray the Father to send you another para-kletos - John 14:16.
5. What Jesus was to the disciples while physically here on earth, the Holy Spirit is spiritually for the Church.

IV. Work in the Believer

1. Spirit of Life: imparts new life
2. Spirit of Adoption: spiritual adoption
3. Spirit of Supplication: humble and earnest prayer
4. Spirit of Truth: manifesting Truth
5. Spirit of Grace: Grace of God given
6. Spirit of Holiness: sanctification by God's word
7. Spirit of Glory: reveals God's glory

A. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

1. Teach us, guide us and show us things to come –Jn 14:26
2. All scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit-2 Tim 3:16
3. A Teacher: John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13
4. A Witness: John 15:26, Acts 5:32, Romans 8:16,32
5. A Guide: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:23; John 16:13
6. A Revelator: John 16:13-14
 - a) He reveals the blessings, so we may partake of them. (Rom 8:31-32)
 - b) How do I know? 1 Corinthians 2:7-10, Psalm 103
 - c) The Spirit takes of Christ's health and applies it unto us (Rom 8:26)
7. A Christ Glorifier: Jesus glorified the Father, the Spirit glorifies the Son (Jesus). (they complement each other).
8. A Reprover: John 16:8
9. A Leader: Romans 8:14
10. A Searcher: 1 Corinthians 2:10
11. An Intercessor: Rom 8:26-27
12. A Helper: Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 3:6

13. A Quickener: Romans 8:11
14. A Liberator: Romans 8, 2:15, 2 Corinthians 3:17
15. A Minister: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
16. A Transformer: Romans 8:29; 12:2
17. An Empower: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8
18. A Distributor: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

V. Understanding the Trinity

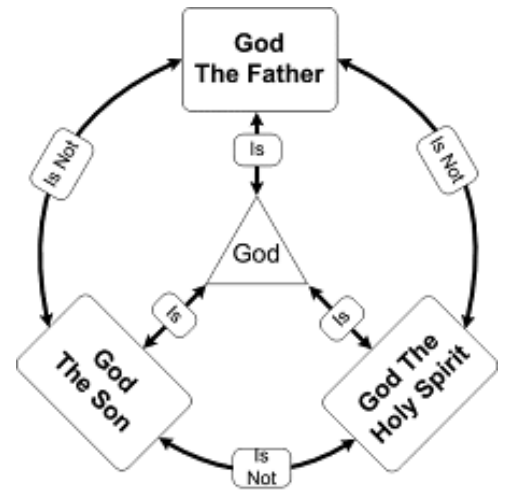
A. Work of the Holy Spirit

1. Christ's personal representative in the world to do Jesus' bidding.

B. Understanding the Holy Spirit's work:

1 Corinthians 12

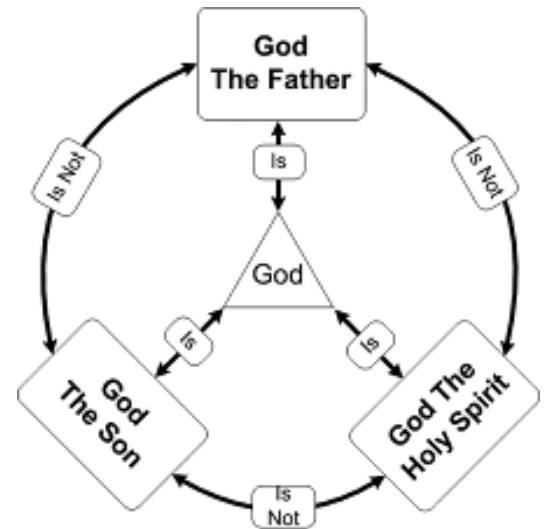
1. man calls Jesus Christ, Lord, because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
(verse 3)
 2. Jesus Christ, the Son administer (verse 5)
 3. God the Father in command/operations (verse 6)
 4. Holy Spirit manifestation/revelation (verse 7)
 5. The Father commanded (operations), the Son lay hands on the man's eyes (administered) and the Spirit gave him sight (manifested). The Triune (Trinitarian) Godhead working (in harmony, in unity). Just as E (energy) + M (motion) = M (manifestation).
- ### C. Conforming the church into the image of Christ
1. The Spirit works in the Church to conform it. The Church is the canvas, and the Holy Spirit is the artist.



2. The Father spoke...this is my beloved Son, hear ye Him; the Son spoke...he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the church. The FATHER to the SON and the SON to the SPIRIT.
3. Jesus came not to speak his own words, but the Father's and glorify Him. Even so with the Spirit, he came to speak the words of Jesus and glorify Jesus! The Holy Spirit communicates what Jesus gives him.

D. Seemingly contradictions

1. The Comforter is another & yet the same (para-klete)? (Jn 14:16,18)
2. Example: 3 siblings with the same family name, same house, agreeing on the same thing, yet 3 distinct persons.



VI. The Baptism of Holy Spirit

- A. Jesus secured authority (exousia) & ability (dunamis) by the Holy Spirit.
 1. Exousia at the new birth, and Dunamis at the baptism of the Holy Spirit
 2. As many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave power to be called the sons of God (John 1:12) and Jesus' preaching referred to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (John 7:38-39)
 3. Jesus told the disciples wait in Jerusalem to receive power from on high (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). Jesus referred to dunamis and not exousia.
 - a) Illustration: a Police officer's badge is (authority-exousia), the weapon is (power-dunamis).
 - b) Illustration: an automobile without gas. The car is exousia, and the fuel is dunamis.

B. Three Essential Baptisms

1. In the Church–Salvation (John 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 12:12-13)
2. In the Holy Spirit–Power (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; 5:32)
3. In Water– Testimony (Acts 8:38; 10:47-48; 1 Pet 1:23)

VII. Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- A. Vocal gifts: Prophecy & interpretation of tongues
- B. Power gifts: Faith, healing and working of miracles
- C. Mental gifts: Discernment, wisdom and knowledge

VIII. Manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the Church

- A. The 1st witness manifestation: Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4)
- B. The 2nd witness manifestation: House of Cornelius (Acts 10:45-46)
- C. The 3rd witness manifestation: Saints in Ephesus (Acts 19:2)