

**Ch. 2 “Who Exactly Is The Holy Spirit”**

**The Holy Spirit Is A Person**

“When we begin to see the Holy Spirit as a person – not as a power or an experience – we have a much different perspective on receiving the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 2:1-4** – Peter wrote this after they had prayed and drawn lots to determine if Barsabbas or Matthias would take Judas’s place as the twelfth disciple: “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit enabled them.”

What do these things reveal about the Holy Spirit?

1. Rushing Wind
2. Tongues of Fire
3. The Filling of the House and Each Disciple
4. The Ability of the Disciple to Speak in a Foreign Language

**The Holy Spirit Is Part Of The Trinity**

What are the three foremost qualities of humanity?

1. Knowledge – to know, understand, recognize, and have meaning
2. Will – to make choices and decisions
3. Emotion – to feel, have feelings, and be aware of them

**1 Cor. 2:9-13** – Paul wrote: “However, as it is written, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

What does this tell us about the thoughts of God and our spiritual life?

**1 Cor. 2:14-16** – Paul wrote: “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgement: “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

What does this tell us about our relation with the Spirit and our relation with the world?

The Holy Spirit is inseparable from Christ Jesus and from God the Father. He was there in the beginning, there is no relation with the Father and the Son without Him. Jesus did not do anything apart from the Holy Spirit’s empowerment.

Have you ever thought about the Holy Spirit’s role as part of the Holy Trinity and His importance?

**John 14:16-17** – Jesus said: “If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

What does Jesus reveal to us about the Holy Spirit?

How have you seen the world’s view on spirituality in your daily life and how should you react?

**The Holy Spirit Is God’s Promise To The Believer**

“He is God’s seal and guarantee on your life – He is proof of God’s claim that you belong to Him. A person cannot be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit within. When you became a Christian, you received the Holy Spirit.

If you are a Christian, how do you know the Holy Spirit is within you?

**The Holy Spirit Is The Power Of The Believer**

“The Holy Spirit enables people to live the Christian life.” He dwells in us, giving us the attributes of the Father.

What are those attributes? Can you recognize them in your life when you otherwise would not have them?

**Eph. 1: 17-21** – Paul wrote: “I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

What does this tell us about prayer and about the Holy Spirit?

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

What is the hope, riches, and power that Paul is talking about? Have or do you experience these?