

Month I Week 2

"The Holy Spirit: A Divine Person"

1 Preparation:

* Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.

- * Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.
- * Underline the verse in *Red* = God, Trinity, Holy Spirit
- * Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse
Mt 28:19
...in the name of the Father and
of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit...
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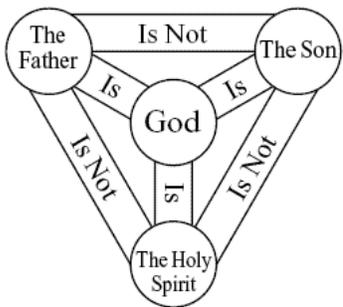
2 Review the Talk:

There is only one God (Look up and underline in *Red* = God, Trinity, Holy Spirit: Deut 6:4; 2 Sam 7:22; Ps 18:31; Is 43:10; Is 44:6; Is 45:5; Is 45:14; Is 45:21; Is 46:9; Zec 14:9).

Monotheism is the belief that there is only one God. Polytheism is the belief that there is more than one god.

The Most Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons and three Divine Persons in one God; the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three distinct persons are the one true living God of Israel and there is no other God. This truth is known as the Doctrine of the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is a member of the Most Holy Trinity and therefore is God. The Holy Spirit is known as the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. As a member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son, co-equal (CCC #266) See Mk 1:9-11. Circle all the members of the Trinity in the story.



An analogue of the Trinity: Let's say that I have one apple and I divide it into three parts (Skin, Flesh, Seed). I give these three parts to three people.
How many apples do these people have? ONE!
Which one has the one apple? ALL HAVE THE APPLE!
The Skin = The Father holds all existence together.
The Flesh = The Son becomes man/flesh
The Seed = The Holy Spirit comes into our heart to dwell in our heart to form the life of God within us.

Forever the Father has loved the Son. Forever the Son has loved the Father. This love is so real that it is a person, the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the love of the Father for the Son and the love for the Son for the Father.



Holy Spirit is God

Attribute	Scriptural Reference	
Creator	Gen 1:1-2; Jb 33:4	
Omnipotent	Lk 1:35	
Omnipresent	Ps 139:7	
Omniscient	1 Cor 2:10-11	
Eternal	Heb 9:14	
Co-Equal with Father and Son	Ac 5:3-4	
Trinitarian Formula	Mt 28:19	

Holy Spirit is a Person

Characteristics of a Person	Scriptural Reference	
Communicates	Ac 13:2	
Cries out	Gal 4:6	
Intercedes	Rm 8:26	
Testifies	Jn 15:26	
Guides	Jn 16:13	
Commands	Ac 16:6-7	
Appoints	Ac 20:28	
Leads	Ro 8:14	
Gives	1 Cor 12:11	
Grieves	Eph 4:30	
Loves	Ro 15:30	

Read Gal 5:25 and mark it in *Red = Holy Spirit*. In this verse we read that we are to live by the Spirit. Look at the diagram that shows the Holy Spirit as the love between the Father and the Son. If we live "by the Spirit", where does this place you in this diagram? Sketch this out in your journal.

Lectio Divina

Lectio (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.

Meditatio (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?

Oratio (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication? Speak to God freely.

Contemplatio (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

- 1st Day Isaiah 43:1-5
- 2nd Day Psalm 145
- 3rd Day Deut 4:29
- 4th Day Psalm 27
- 5th Day Isaiah 55:1-2; Jn 7:37-38
- 6th Day Ro 8:14
- 7th Day Review

Write a list of phrases to use to praise God (eg Alleluia, You are ____, I love you). After this read pages 4-5 of the "Praise Booklet" that is included. Spend a good amount of time praising God.