

7 Critical Doctrines of Christianity – Lesson Three -Teacher’s Notes

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Introduction: One Spirit, “The Holy Spirit.”

What do the scripture tell us of the one who is The Holy Spirit?

We believe the Bible teaches the concept of “composite oneness” or “Godhead” or “Trinity” of Deity as Identified in Matthew 28:18-20: The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit. The scriptures tell us that God is a Spirit (John 4:24), that is God resides in spirit form (not fleshly), however there is One Holy Spirit specifically and clearly identified from Genesis to Revelation:

Genesis 1:2 – Revelation 22:17

- I. The Holy Spirit Has Personage:
He live, wills and acts. Some have referred to The Holy Spirit as “it” rather than “Him.”
 - a. He thinks: Romans 8:26-27.
 - b. He possesses knowledge: I Cor. 2:11
 - c. Has affections: Romans 15:30
 - d. Has a will: I Cor. 12:11
 - e. Has a name/title: Spirit of Truth, Comforter, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, Holy Spirit, etc.
 - f. Bible uses “personal pronouns” to identify His person: John 14:26 & John 16:7-8
- II. Gifts of The Holy Spirit:
Miraculous gifts and miracles themselves come from the Godhead. But from which person of the Godhead?
 - a. Compare Matthew 3:16 & John 3:35-36
 - b. Mark 9:1, John 14:26, Acts 1:5, Acts 2:3-4, Acts 8:14-18, & Hebrews 2:3-4
 - c. I Cor. 2:7-11
 - d. I Cor. 12:4-11
 - e. Once the “New Covenant” message was given completely and was being taught from one person to another, miracles would cease: I Cor. 13-8-10
- III. The Primary Work of The Holy Spirit
 - a. The New Birth: John 3:5 & Titus 3:5
 - b. Giving of Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:16-17 & 2 Peter 1:21
 - c. Prayer: Romans 8:26-27

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit as part of the Godhead is equal to God Father & God The Son:

- a. Eternal: Hebrews 9:14**
- b. Knows All/Mind of God: I Cor. 2:10-11**
- c. Resides Everywhere: Psalm 139:27**
- d. His Holiness is noted in His Name/Title: The Holy Spirit**
- e. Gives eternal life: John 3:5**
- f. All Powerful: Micah 3:8**
- g. Involved in creation: Gen. 1:3 & Psalm 140:30**
- h. Miraculous Power: I Cor. 12:4-11**