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Hey Casper, what's up?



What are you talking about?



You know Casper, the friendly ghost. Get it? Casper the Holy Ghost.



What is your problem?

I am ok with the jokes. It's not the first time someone called me Casper. I am the creator. That means I created the people who invented whoopee cushions, hula hoops, candles that won't blow out and bacon flavored chocolate. I created people with a sense of humor. A spirit filled life includes joy.

Reference Section: Fruit of the Spirit, Roles of the Spirit



I know Jesus. I know the Father. But who are you?

Whenever you feel that twinge of guilt, it is I convicting you of your sin. When you are looking for a savior, it is I that points you to Jesus. If you need power to finish a task, it is I who supplies it. I am the one who helps you to tell others about Jesus. I am the one providing love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I dwell inside believers. Who am I? I am God.

Reference Section: Role of the Holy Spirit, Power of the Spirit, Fruit of the Spirit, Trinity Overview, Interaction of Trinity



I heard you give gifts. I like presents.

These presents don't come wrapped in pretty paper nor are they delivered by Amazon. I give abilities that help further God's kingdom. The body of believers is made of individuals with unique and vital roles. Some preach, encourage, serve, lead or perhaps give mercy. Others have different talents. Each gift is necessary. No gift is better than the other. All gifts help to glorify God.

Reference Section: Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Use Gifts



How do I get these gifts?

My gifts are free to anyone who declares "Jesus is Lord," and believes in his heart that God raised Him from the dead. Once you accept Jesus as your savior, I come to live within you. Then I give you gifts to further God's kingdom.

> Reference Section: Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Eternal Life, Dwells Within



That's just plain weird. How is it possible for you to dwell within me?

When I come to dwell within you, this is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You are being immersed in the Spirit. A physical body is not living inside of you. I am spirit. You will have power, gifts and fruit of the Spirit. This is how God shows His love. I will never dwell within someone unless they ask Jesus into their lives. Jesus asked His Father to send me so that believers have an advocate. I can help you pray, understand the Bible and share your faith. I am here to teach and guide you.

Reference Section: Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Dwell Within, Power of the Spirit, Gifts of the Spirit, Use Gifts, Fruit of the Spirit



Cool! Since God is in me, I must be God.

The Father, the Son and the Spirit can all dwell within each other. God dwells within you. Can you dwell within someone else? We created the world. Did you? We are all knowing, all powerful and present everywhere. Are you? Never confuse the gifts God gives you as your own abilities. Because your earthly dad lives with you, it does not make you him. Because I dwell within you, it does not make you God.

Reference Section: Dwells Within, Baptism of the Holy Spirit



Aren't we just all robots? You live inside of us and we have to do what you want us to do?

One of the greatest gifts you have been given is free choice. Love because you want to love. Do because you choose to do. I will never make you do something you do not want to do. However, I will teach you what is right and you will be convinced of your sins. You then decide how you want to react. Although you are free to choose, you are not free from the consequences.

Reference Section: Free Choice



You have all these rules and expect us to obey you. I want control over my own life. No one tells me what to do.

My Word is filled with wisdom, advice and love. If you obey, you will have love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Choosing your own path can lead to sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. It is not my desire to control you. Instead I want to guide you to an abundant life. I will give you the power to accomplish anything I ask you to do. You always get to choose.

> Reference Section: Read Bible, Fruit of the Spirit, Free Choice, Obey God, Power of the Spirit



Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control sounds pretty good. Are you handing it out?

Yes, I am! It is the package deal you get when you accept Jesus as your savior. I come to live within you. I bring with me the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit. The gifts are the talents I give to believers to glorify God. The fruit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The more you walk in Jesus' footprints, the more evident will be the fruit in your life.

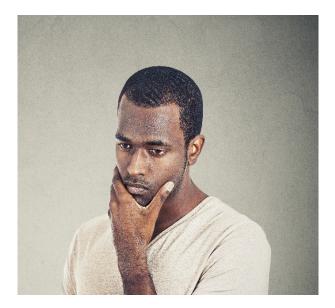
> Reference Section: Fruit of the Spirit, Follow in Jesus' Footprints



What do you mean to follow in Jesus' footprints?

I will always point you to Jesus. Why? He is the way to the Father. He is your savior. He died for your sins. When you walk in His footprints or behave like He did, you are feeding the Spirit. When you feed the Spirit, you become more like Jesus. For instance, Jesus was baptized. This outward expression of following God, pleased the Father. It is pleasing when you also get baptized.

> Reference Section: Obey God, Get Baptized, Follow in Jesus' Footprints, Eternal Life



The thief on the cross was not baptized and he got to be with Jesus in paradise.

Baptism does not save you. However, Jesus commanded you to be baptized, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It is a public sign that you are a believer. "Is it possible for an unbaptized believer to be saved? Yes, definitely. Should every believer be baptized? Yes, definitely."*

*Max Lucado

Reference Section: Get Baptized, Follow in Jesus' Footprints



How else can we walk in Jesus' footprints?

Jesus demonstrated His love for God and people in every action and word He spoke. He healed the sick, comforted the hurting, ate with the undesirable, protected the children, reached out to women and told people about God. Following His footprints means to obey the two greatest commandments: love God and love others. Whatever you choose in life, ask yourself, "Will this show love to God and others?"

Reference Section: Love God, Love Others, Follow in Jesus' Footprints, Obey God



Jesus did a lot of praying. I don't think I can continually pray like the Bible says. I have a job and a family. There just isn't enough time.

You do not need to spend hours on your knees with your eyes closed to talk to God. Sometimes you will intentionally pray. This is what most people think prayer is. Intentional prayer is a time of talking and listening to God. It can be in a chapel, mountaintop, bathtub or even the car. However, praying without ceasing can also mean to be aware and dependent on God at all times. Be cognizant and give thanks for blessings. Be mindful that God is there during the hard times. When you are hurt, angry or disappointed turn your thoughts to God. Let Him comfort you. Accept God's guidance in all areas of your life. When God is your first thought and not the last resort, you will know that you are praying without ceasing.

Reference Section: Pray Often, Follow in Jesus' Footprints



Maybe I can find time to pray. I am in the car a lot and on a real good day I get a half hour to soak in the tub. However, I never have time for reading the Bible. Jesus knew scripture. I just don't think I can ever be like Him.

The Bible is my sword. Take my sword and use it for protection and power to stand against evil. The Bible is a love note from God. It is filled with wisdom, advice and love. The Bible is a manual to help you get the most out of life. If you don't take the time to read it, you will miss out on all of these things. Who has time for that?

Reference Section: Read Bible, Follow in Jesus' Footprints



How can Christians say they worship one God, and yet there are the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit?

Who can comprehend the mind of God? God is present everywhere, all knowing and all powerful (omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent). God created the universe. We are three persons, but one God. WHAT we are or our being is God. WHO we are or our persons is Father, Son and Spirit.* God is so much bigger and more complex than humans can imagine. "Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God." **

> *Nabeel Qureshi, No God but One: Allah or Jesus ** John Wesley

> > Reference Section: Trinity Overview



I like the fact that I love a God that I cannot understand. If I could comprehend God, then He is limited to only what my human mind can grasp. However, how do you three keep straight who does what?

We are so entwined it is impossible to separate us. We are the creator. We are love. We are God. I will point you to the Son. The Son will glorify the Father. The Father glorifies the Son. The Father sent me to bear witness for the Son. Yet it is the Son that is the way to the Father.

Reference Section: Trinity: Interaction between Father, Son and Holy Spirit



What about the Trinity's relationship with me?

We love you and created you. The Father showed His love by sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Out of love, Jesus is your mediator between you and the Father. He died for your sins. I love you so much that I intercede for you with the Father. I give you gifts and the fruit of the Spirit. I also teach you as I am doing now.

Reference Section: Interaction with People



On one hand it is unbelievable to me that you love me so unconditionally. I can call you Casper, yell at you and make fun of you but nothing changes your love. On the other hand, I am fighting so hard to have control over my own life. If I allow Jesus into my life, then I have to follow Him and not do what I want. It is my talent and hard work that helped me to achieve so much.

Your talents were a gift from God. Also, do you really have control over anything? Your boss is unreasonable. The driver next to you chooses to text and drive. Your children follow a path you wish they didn't. Your mother has cancer. The only thing in your control is how you choose to react. This will always be in your control. This is called free choice. However, once you accept Christ as your savior, your desires change. You want to have an abundant life. You want to walk in Jesus' footprints. By living like Jesus, you find a peace that passes understanding. If you totally surrender, you will find that God is not trying to control you, but to make your life the best it can be.

Reference Section: Obey God, Love God, Free Choice, Fruit of the Spirit, Follow in Jesus' Footprints



I could use the type of peace that passes understanding. I want to follow Jesus. I want you to live inside me and guide me. It is so exhausting trying to do it on my own. What do I need to do?

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead.

References Section: Eternal Life



Come on. That can't be all there is to it.

People try to make it so difficult. You are saved as soon as you believe in Jesus and acknowledge that he rose from the dead. For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son, that whosoever should believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. However, Jesus also commanded his believers to repent. Ask for forgiveness and your sins will be as far away as east is from west.

Reference Section: Eternal Life, Forgiveness



Can't I just keep on sinning as long as I say, "I'm sorry. Forgive me."?

One type of forgiveness is when you choose to forgive someone even if they show no regret or try to change their behavior. When you give this type of undeserved forgiveness, you are the one who benefits. However, you are asking me about deliberate sinning. Jesus said to forgive others seventy times seven. The Bible says to forgive anyone who repents. Jesus does this for us. He forgives us over and over when we repent. Yet, there is judgment for those who deliberately sin without regret. How can there be forgiveness when there is no remorse? Forgiveness is for those who want to change. It is a gift you have been given at a great price. Cherish it and share it with others.

Reference Section: Forgiveness, Love God, Love Others



I do love God. How can I show Him my love?

Holy Spirit

God is pleased when you obey Him. Use your gifts. Share the good news and worship God. When you love others, you are showing love to God. The Father, the Son and I are worthy of your love.

Reference Section: Follow in Jesus' Footprints, Love God, Love Others, Obey God, Use Gifts, Gifts of the Spirit, Share the Good News, Worship God



When you say worship, do you mean singing songs like the worship team does at church?

Some churches call the song portion of the service worship time. That is definitely a form of worship. However, worship is so much more. Every time you serve, give, praise, create, acknowledge, love, pray, read the Bible, share the good news or do anything else that shows reverence and adoration toward God, you are worshipping.

Reference Section: Worship God



You talk about sharing the good news or telling others about Jesus. That is extremely difficult for me. I am very shy. I do not want to make someone feel uncomfortable. Can you help me?

There are so many ways to share the good news. You are already doing many of them. Follow in Jesus' footprints and people will see your life is different. Love like He loves. Serve like Jesus served. Do not worry what to say. Simply share your story. You do not need to have a degree in theology. Just tell what God has done for you. Pray for guidance. I will help you pray. I will empower you to witness. I will teach you and help you to remember what was taught. You are not expected to share the good news by yourself. My power will be with you. Be yourself, and ask God to use you.

> Reference Section: Share the Good News, Love God, Love Others, Power of the Holy Spirit



Holy Spirit, we believe you are God. We will let you guide us and teach us.

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Tell me more. I am listening.

Keep exploring. There will always be questions. Some people don't want to believe in God until every single one of their questions are answered. However, they are perfectly content not believing in God even though that leaves a lot of unanswered questions too. For instance, how could something be made from nothing? Somewhere along the journey, you have to take a leap of faith. Question, explore, pray and then jump.

After accepting Jesus as your savior, I will come into your life. Then my challenge to you is to pray for thirty days to experience my power in your lives. Pray to be open to my teaching.

Reference Section: Power of the Spiri

Note from Author

In his book, Forgotten God, Francis Chan, a pastor, said that he was intimidated to write about the Holy Spirit. This is a man who led a large church in California. Imagine how intimidating it was for me, someone who knew nothing about the Holy Spirit. Yet I felt led to write. I delayed writing because I knew how inadequate I was. Ironically, I think that is why the Spirit led me to write, so that God could get all the glory. Peter had to get out of the boat in order to walk on water. This book is my stepping out of the boat and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through me, even though I resisted for a long time. This book is my perceptions and interpretations of my research. Although this book is at times written in the Holy Spirit's point of view, I claim no authority of knowing exactly what the Holy Spirit would say.

Many of the quotes are from brainyquote.com, christianquotes.info and azquotes.com.

Keep asking questions. The only way to find the truth is to explore.

Shawn Jones "Scribe"

"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world." Henry T. Blackaby, Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day This is the end of the preview. In the book, you will find a reference section that supports the answers in this preview. It has bible verses, worldly evidence, quotes and thoughts from the scribe. You can get your own personal copy at 10QGOD.com.