

# **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

# **Bible Doctrine Studies #5**

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### PERSONALITY - He is a Person

There is much confusion about the Holy Spirit and the issue of His being a person is important. He is not a force, influence, feeling, nor our conscience. He is as much a person as God the Father and God the Son. He has a personality with which the Bible Believing Christian should be familiar.

### A. Personal Traits

#### I Cor. 2:10

- Reveals truths to believers on behalf of the Father.
- Searches out matters even the deep things of God.

#### I Cor. 2:11

- 1. Has knowledge of God.
- 2. Man can only access this knowledge through the Holy Spirit.

# I Cor. 12:11

- 1. Distributes spiritual gifts by His working.
- 2. Gives these gifts according to His will.

# Rom. 15:30

- 1. Shows love.
- 2. Should be loved.

### Rom. 8:27

- 1. Has a mind.
- 2. Makes intercession.

# B. Personal Actions

# I Tim. 4:1

- 1. Speaks.
- 2. Warns of dangers.

# Rev. 2:7

1. Talks to churches.

2. Heard by those with spiritual hearing.

#### Luke 12:12

- 1. Teaches us.
- 2. Ignoring Him leaves us saying wrong things.

### John 14:26

- 1. He brings things to our remembrance.
- 2. We can't remember what we never learned.

### Acts 13:2

- 1. He <u>calls</u> laborers to new areas of opportunity.
- 2. He <u>informs</u> churches of those whom He has called.

# Rom. 8:26

- 1. He helps our infirmities.
- 2. He prays or makes intercession for us.

### Rom. 8:14

- 1. He <u>leads</u> all those who are saved.
- 2. Are we following His leading?

### C. Receives Personal Treatment

### Matt. 12:31, 32

- 1. He can be blasphemed.
- 2. This is not true of feelings, impersonal forces, or power.

#### Acts 5:3

- 1. He can be <u>lied to</u>.
- This was done by Ananias and Sapphira trying to appear more spiritual, more dedicated, and more sacrificial to the Church than they actually were.

#### Acts 5:9

1. He can be tempted.

2. Trying to appear more than we are tempts the Holy Spirit to send judgment.

#### Acts 7:51

- 1. He can be resisted.
- 2. Rejection of God's messengers is an act against the Holy Spirit.

### Heb. 10:29

- 1. He can be despised and done despite to.
- 2. He is not to be ignored, neglected, rejected, nor undervalued.
- 3. He is not to be treated as inferior, a failure, nor the object of spite.

# Eph. 4:30

- 1. He can be grieved.
- 2. This speaks of striking at the emotions of the Holy Spirit.

# **BIBLE DOCTRINE**

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### I Thess. 5:19

- 1. He can be quenched.
- 2. Though He has power enough, He can be offended till He withdraws from acting.

# D. Associated with the Other Two Persons of the Godhead

### Matt. 28:19

- 1. He is given an equal position and preeminence.
- 2. Baptism is used to picture the three personalities but one God.

# II Cor. 13:14

- 1. His ministries are given equal importance with the others.
- 2. The Apostolic benediction reminds us of equality of each.

### 1 John 5:7

- 1. In Heaven they continue their equality and oneness.
- 2. They each bear record of our conversion!

# E. Personal Characters and Offices

### John 14:26

- 1. He is called the Comforter.
- 2. As a person, He comforts us.

### I Cor. 6:11

- 1. He is called "the Spirit of our God".
- 2. He is the main operator on earth at this time on behalf of the Trinity.
- 3. He washes, sanctifies, and justifies in the name of the Lord Jesus.

### Heb. 10:15

- 1. He is a witness to us.
- 2. We should accept His testimony.
- 3. He tells us of our relationship, with the Father (Rom. 8:16).

### John 14:16

- 1. The Holy Spirit is called "He".
- 2. This is the same pronoun as that given to the Father.

#### John 14:26

- 1. Again the pronoun "He" is used.
- 2. This is in parallel with the pronoun "I" used for Jesus.

#### John 16:7

- 1. Here He is called "Him".
- 2. He will carry on the same work that Jesus started.

# HIS DEITY - The Holy Spirit is God!

A. He is called God.

# II Cor. 3:17, 18

- 1. He is called "Lord".
- 2. This is a title for God.

# Acts 5:3, 4

- 1. The lie was not so much to the Church as to the Holy Ghost or God.
- 2. Peter recognized the Holy Ghost as God.

# I Cor. 3:16, 17

- Our bodies are three times called "the temple of God".
- 2. The temple is so named because it is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

### I Cor. 12:4-6

- 1. The variety of gifts for functioning are given by the Holy Spirit.
- He is called "the same Spirit", "the same Lord", and "the same God".

### B. He has divine attributes.

#### Rom. 1:4

- 1. He is called the "Spirit of Holiness".
- 2. Holiness is the leading attribute of God.

#### Heb. 9:14

- 1. He is called the "Eternal Spirit".
- 2. Eternity is time without either beginning or end. Only God is eternal.

#### Psm. 139:7-10

1. The Holy Spirit is present (He exists) everywhere at once.

2. Omnipresence is possible only for God.

### Luke 1:35

- 1. The Holy Ghost is said to have the "<u>Power</u> of the Highest".
- 2. There is no limit to His power, He is omnipotent.

#### I Cor. 2:10-11

- 1. The Holy Spirit has complete or all knowledge.
- 2. Omniscience is an attribute of God.

### C. He has done works.

# Job 26:13; 33:4

- 1. He was involved in creation.
- 2. The Father thought it, the Son spoke it, and the Spirit did it.

#### II Pet. 1:21

- 1. Inspiration or the Authoring of the Scriptures was an act of the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Inspiration is an act of God (II Tim. 3:16).

#### Matt. 1:20

- The body for Jesus was the result of a special creative act of the Holy Ghost.
- 2. The Virgin Birth was His miraculous act.

#### Matt. 12:28

- 1. Jesus as God could have cast out demons in His own power.
- Jesus chose to use the same means we would have as citizens of the Kingdom of God.
- 3. The Holy Spirit has power over demons and all of Satan's Kingdom (I John 4:4).

#### Rom. 8:11

- 1. The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.
- 2. This same Holy Spirit indwells us and will one day raise us from the dead.

#### Matt. 4:1

- Jesus submitted to the leading of the Holy Spirit. (God does not submit to anything below Himself.)
- We should accept such leadership even if it goes against our comfort (wilderness) and ease (to be tempted-tested).

#### Acts 13:2-4

- 1. The Holy Spirit not only calls men to the ministry, but also calls them from one ministry to another (Antioch prophets and teachers; to Cypress etc. apostles).
- 2. The Holy Ghost is the sending agent for true gospel workers.

### Acts 20:28

- 1. The Holy Ghost is to set the officers over the church.
- Elections should be the members showing their understanding of how the Holy Spirit is working.

### I Cor. 12:11

- 1. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers.
- 2. This is according to His own will, but that then is nothing other than the will of God He is God!

# HIS MINISTRY (S)

#### Gen. 1:2

- 1. He was and is active in <u>creation</u> (previously covered).
- 2. He moves before light breaks through.

# **BIBLE DOCTRINE**

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### Gen. 6:3

- 1. He strives with men.
- 2. There is a limit, and He is not to be taken for granted.

# John 16:7-11

- 1. He <u>reproves</u> or convicts the world.
- 2. This is in three areas for three reasons.

#### II Thess. 2:5-7

- He <u>restrains</u> (holds back) by being in the way of the normal flow of actions. He so controls that He determines what He will <u>let</u> and not let happen!
- The wicked plots of men and the plans of the devil are all restricted to what the Holy Spirit allows (letteth) until He is taken out of the way.

### John 3:3-8

- 1. He births us into the family of God.
- 2. This opens up entrance into the Kingdom of God.

### Rom. 8:9

- 1. He indwells the saved (I Cor. 6:19, 20).
- 2. Lack of this mark is evidence of being lost.

### II Cor. 1:22

- 1. He <u>seals us</u> unto the day of redemption (Eph. 1:13; 4:30).
  - 2. He is the earnest of our inheritance the down payment on what is to come!

### Rom. 8:14

- 1. He leads us.
- Calling (by separation, Acts 13:2); sending to location for service (Acts 13:4); and guidance in service (Acts 3:27-29; 16:6-10).

### Rom. 8:16

- 1. He gives assurance of salvation.
- 2. This is definite, interior, and a witness to our spirit.
- 3. This task is Biblically reserved for the Holy Spirit and not to be attempted by humans.

#### Acts 1:8

- 1. He empowers the saints.
- 2. His working is needed for the Gospel to pierce through to the soul (I Thess. 1:5).
- 3. His working produces abundant hope in the saints (Rom. 15:13).

### John 14:26

- 1. He teaches us (I John 2:27).
- 2. There are a variety of ways in which He teaches us:
  - a. He brings things to our remembrance. (John 14:26)

- b. He reveals truths. (I Cor. 2:10)
- c. He searches things out for us. (I Cor. 2:10)
- d. He compares spiritual things with spiritual things. (I Cor. 2:13)
- e. He testifies to us. (John 15:26)
- f. He reproves. (John 16:8)
- g. He guides. (John 16:13)
- h. He speaks. (John 16:13; Rev. 2:7; I Tim. 4:1)
- i. He shows us things to come. (John 16:13)
- j. He glorifies Jesus. (John 16:14)

# Eph. 3:16

- 1. The Holy Spirit strengthens us.
- 2. He has great might.
- 3. This work is in the inner man.

### Rom. 8:2

- 1. He grants freedom from the law of sin and death.
- 2. There is a liberty given not by money, power, or government, but by the Holy Spirit despite all obstacles (II Cor. 3:17).

### Jude 20

- 1. He guides in prayer.
- 2. Various areas of prayer are under His guidance (Eph. 6:18: Rom. 8:26, 27).

#### Phil. 3:3

- 1. He guides us in worship.
- 2. He ministers to our spirit that our worship might be "in spirit" (John 4:24). Soul worship and physical (body) worship is unacceptable. Ritual, emotional, mental, and sensual stimuli cannot direct our worship. We need God the Holy Spirit to

guide us.

#### John 16:14

- 1. He glorifies Jesus.
- 2. He doesn't speak of Himself but makes Jesus the issue.

# Gal. 5:22, 23

- 1. He produces fruit in the lives of believers.
- 2. The fruit is singular LOVE all the rest is evidence of Biblical Love.
- 3. Such fruit can only be produced by God working in us.

# Rom. 8:11, 23

- 1. He has part in our future resurrection.
- 2. Our body is His temple and we are sealed unto the day of redemption resurrection is guaranteed!

### Rom. 8:1-27

- 1. He gives us victory over the flesh.
- 2. Verses 1-27 deal with a variety of aspects of how to obtain this victory.

#### Rom. 10:17

- 1. He helps produce faith.
- 2. It is not hearing the Bible that produces faith. Often that only produces intellectualism. It is hearing the Spirit by the Word of God that produces faith. His speaking through the Word helps us believe for salvation and proper Christian living.

#### I Cor. 6:11

- 1. He is involved in our sanctification.
- 2. Our cleansing, separation, dedication, and progressive holiness is tied to the inner working of the Holy Ghost who indwells us.

# I John 2:27, 20

- 1. He provides knowledge.
- 2. Through Him there is nothing we <u>cannot</u> learn we have a gift of information. We must learn how to access this knowledge.

#### Mark 13:11

- 1. He speaks through people.
- 2. He (in time of need) can and will tell us (or others) what to say.

#### II Cor. 13:14

- 1. The Holy Ghost communes with men.
- 2. He is not distant nor abstract. There is a real fellowship to be had.

# **BAPTISM (S)**

There is no mention in the Bible of either a "baptism in the Spirit" or a "baptism of the Spirit".

These are unbiblical terms and usually result in unbiblical practices and doctrines.

# A. I Cor. 12:12, 13 - Baptism by the Spirit

- 1. This is an action by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The baptism is into the body of Jesus.
- 3. This is the means by which He places us into the proper place for service as He has gifted us.

# B. John 1:32-24 - Baptism with the Holy Ghost

- 1. This is an action by Jesus.
- 2. Acts 1:5, 6 This is promised by Jesus.
- 3. Acts 11:15-18 This is a clear sign of salvation.
- 4. Rom. 8:9 The reception of the Holy Spirit is a mark of salvation.
- 5. This is a one-time action; never commanded; promised that we will receive; done by Christ; and a sign of salvation.

6. Some people confuse this with the filling of the Holy Spirit. Many older saints used the terms interchangeably. This has allowed for some of the Charismatic confusion of today. Terminology problems of one generation often lead to practical and doctrinal problems with later generations.

# FILLING (S)

# Eph. 5:18

- 1. This is a command.
- 2. Written to saved people (Eph. 1:1).
- 3. Burden of being filled falls on the individual.
- 4. Saved people are to receive this filling.
- 5. This is God's will (Eph. 5:17).

# Eph. 5:19-6:18

1. Evidence of filling is clear, observable, and progressive.

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- 2. It starts in the personal devotional life (5:19, 20).
- 3. It continues by showing in a submissive life in the Church (5:21).
- 4. Next it shows up in the home between husband and wife (5:22-23), children to parents (6:1-3), and fathers to children (6:4).
- 5. Lines of authority and responses show up as ways of evidencing the filling of the Holy Spirit. This is employee to boss (servants to masters 6:5-8 bond or free) and boss to employee (6:9).
- Only now is one ready to handle the spiritual warfare and our power/victory is based on obedience to being filled (6:10-17).
- 7. A useful prayer life is the climax and great evidence of filling (6:18, 19). This is far more than having occasional prayers answered.

#### Acts 2:1-12

- 1. The saints were filled at the day of Pentecost (vs. 4).
- 2. The use of the word "and" eight times in the first five verses shows that each item is separate and distinct.

Example: We don't have to have all believers in Jerusalem in full accord on the day of Pentecost for us to be filled today.

# Acts 4:8, 13

- 1. Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 2. This would be a second (or more) and subsequent filling to that of Pentecost.
- 3. It evidenced itself in a boldness and Christ likeness.

#### Acts 4:29-31

1. The church as filled here.

- 2. Peter was a part of the group and therefore filled a third time.
- 3. Filling is <u>not</u> a once-and-for-life event. It should be common and progressive.
- 4. It is possible for groups as well as individuals to be filled.

#### Acts 6:1-7

- 1. The filling of the Holy Ghost was a minimum qualification for a position of serving and responsibility in the Church.
- These officers were caring for the feeding of the widows and thus relieving the others to care for the ministry of prayer and the Word.

#### Acts 7:54-60

- 1. Stephen was "full of the Holy Ghost" to the end of his life.
- 2. This made for a most honorable death.

#### Acts 9:17

- 1. Saul was already saved called a brother.
- 2. He was now to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

### Acts 11:22-24

- 1. Barnabas was full of the Holy Ghost.
- 2. This was requirement for ministering.

#### Acts 13:6-12

- Saul/Paul was filled again with the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Filling is needed for people to see (not just hear) our doctrine.

#### Acts 13:50-52

- 1. Disciples filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Joy goes with the filling.

#### Luke 4:1-2

- 1. Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Jesus was God in the flesh how can we get along without filling?
- 3. Obviously not a removal of sin as Jesus had no sin.

#### Luke 1:15

- 1. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from before birth.
- 2. This destroys many of men's theories regarding filling.
- 3. Filling is a supernatural act of God upon a mortal human.

# Eph. 5:18

- 1. Filling is commanded.
- 2. Filling is compared to drinking:
  - $\sim$  keep drinking to be (or stay) filled.

 affects thoughts, desires, speech, values, emotions, responses.

#### John 7:37-39

- 1. Drink to be filled.
- 2. In as a drink, out as a river principle of expanded effect on others.
- 3. Overflow is for others we stay filled.
- 4. Principle of Broken Vessel is to permit outflow.

#### Col. 3:15-16

- 1. God's peace and rulership.
- 2. Scriptures must dwell in us.
- 3. Total obedience and surrender are expected (compare **Eph. 5:19, 20**).

### Gal. 5:16-24

- 1. Involves dealing with the flesh nature (the enemy of the Spirit.
- 2. Results in the fruit of the Spirit.

# Eph. 4:22-24

- Requires the putting off the "old man" what we were.
- Requires putting on "the new man" what God designs us to become.

### Luke 11:13

- 1. Filling is ours for the asking.
- We are already indwelt as believers (Rom. 8:9).

### Mark 11:24

- 1. We are to ask in faith.
- 2. We should examine to see if there is sin within which hinders our faith (and filling).

# Three important questions:

- 1) Can I know I am filled?
  - a) Do you believe God's Word and what He has said?
  - b) Will you listen to the Holy Spirit bearing witness with pur spirit?
  - c) Will you obey what is required?
- 2) Must I tarry, strive, etc.?
  - a) It's a gift, not earned.
  - b) No one ever tarried after Pentecost.
  - d) No Gentile ever tarried.
- 3) What are the manifestations?
  - a) Filling will release the Holy Spirit to work in and through you.
  - b) He reveals His nature, His fruits, His gifts, etc.
  - c) Results in godly Christian living with service.

### **HIS LEADING**

--- To be governed, directed from within.

# Jer. 10:23

- 1. Man cannot lead himself properly.
- 2. Man needs help.

### Isa. 63:10-14

- 1. Moses did not lead on his own.
- 2. He let God lead him on how to lead others.
- 3. God's leading was that God's name might be honored.

# Eph. 2:1-3

1. - Lost are led - by three, including the "Spirit that now worketh".

### Illustrations:

Acts 8:27-29 ... Phillip and the Eunuch

Acts 10:19-20 ... Peter and Cornelius

Acts 13:2-4 ... Paul and Barnabas

Acts 16:6, 7 ... Forbidden to preach in Asia

Principles:

### Rom. 8:1-5

- 1. Walk after the Spirit.
- 2. Mind the things of the Spirit.

# Rom. 8:13, 14

- 1. Die daily.
- 2. Led by the Spirit.
  - a) Never leads contrary to the Scripture.
  - b) Never leads contrary to the truth.
  - c) In harmony with Scripture example and/or teaching.

- d) Always away from self (will, pleasing, confidence, image, discipline).
- e) Always toward God, His Power, Word, Kingdom, Program, Glory.
- f) Leads to a more holy life, separation from sin.
- g) Leads to Jesus (blood for guilt, love for forsaken, comfort for afflicted, etc.)

### I John 4:1-4

 Holy Spirit wants us to check out Him versus other spirits as well as false speakers.

### I Tim. 4:1

~ There are demonic counterfeits.

# II Thess. 2:1, 2

~ We are not to be deceived.

### Acts 16:16-18

 Satan may try to join our side to redirect, disrupt, or discredit.

### Gal. 5:8

~ Persuasion is not always of God.

### Gal. 5:16-18

~ Spirit and flesh are always at war.

# HIS PART IN OUR FAITH AND PRAYER

# Heb. 11:1-3

- 1. Faith defined.
- 2. Faith is substance and evidence.

### Heb. 11:6

1. Faith - believe God is.

2. Faith - believe God rewards.

### Heb. 11:32-38

~ Things are accomplished by faith.

### I Cor.2:11-14

- 1. Things of God known and revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. This includes the things freely given us.
- 3. Natural man knows nothing of these.

### Rom. 8:6-8

~ Carnal mind is at enmity with God.

#### Rom. 8:22-26

- 1. Faith is related to hope (Heb. 11:1-3).
- 2. Holy Spirit has part in hope therefore in faith.

### Rom. 10:17

- 1. Faith cometh doesn't dwell in us naturally.
- 2. Cometh by hearing the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Hearing is by the Word of God.

# Scriptures:

- ~ Holy Spirit inspired
- ~ Holy Spirit taught
- ~ Holy Spirit applied
- ~ Holy Spirit speaking
- ~ Holy Spirit produces faith

# Eph. 6:17

1. Word is the Sword of the Spirit.

# Rom. 8:26, 27

- 1. Spirit helps in prayer.
- 2. Spirit makes intercession for us.

### Zech. 12:10

~ Spirit involved in supplications.

# Eph. 2:18

 Access in prayer to the Father is through the Spirit.

# Eph. 6:18

~ Prayer is to be in the Spirit (Jude 20).

# Rom. 8:15

 Holy Spirit guides us in praying to the Father in a personal relationship "Abba, Father".

# SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Gen. 6:3

- ~ Strive against Him.
- ~ Resist His striving.

Isa. 63:9, 10

~ Rebelled against Him.

Mark 3:29, 30

~ Blaspheme against Him.

Acts 5:1-10

- ~ <u>Lie</u> to Him (vs. 3).
- ~ Tempt Him (vs. 9).

Acts 7:51

~ Resist Him.

Eph. 4:30-32

~ Grieve Him.

I Thess. 5:19

~ Quench Him.

Heb. 10:26-31

~ <u>Despise</u> – done despite to Him (vs. 29).



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