

The Holy Spirit: Who is He?

*But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear now. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare to you.
(John 16:5-15)*

Why study the Holy Spirit?

- 1. Neglected doctrine**
- 2. Abused doctrine**

Allistar Beggs quote from Calvin: Those rejecting scripture imagine that they have some peculiar way of penetrating to Godard to be deem, not so much as under the influence of error as madness. For certain giddy men have lately appeared who, while they make a great display of the superiority of the Spirit, reject all reading of the scriptures themselves, and deride the simplicity of those who only delight in what they call the dead and deadly letter. But I wish that they would tell me what spirit it is whose inspiration raises them to such sublime height that they dare to despise the doctrine of scripture as mean and childish.”

- 3. Biblical doctrine**
- 4. Essential doctrine**

- I. The Holy Spirit is a Person not just a force or influence.**
 - a. Being a Person, the Holy Spirit has personality.**
 - i. He can be blasphemed.**
 - ii. He can be lied to**
 - iii. He can be resisted.**
 - iv. He can be grieved.**

- b. **The actions done by the Holy Spirit reveals that He is a Person.**
 - i. **He thinks.**
 - ii. **He teaches.**
 - iii. **He plans.**
 - iv. **He strives.**
 - v. **He guides.**
 - vi. **He speaks.**
 - vii. **He prays.**
- c. **He possess the true dimensions of personality: mind, will, & emotions**
- d. **The metaphor used to describe the Spirit also contributes to our understanding of the Spirit's personality. "Advocate" which translates the word "paraclete." (John 16:7)**

II. The Holy Spirit is a Divine`

III. Person. He is a full member of the God head.

- a. **He is associated with the Father and the Son. (Heb. 9:14)**
- b. **Baptismal formula. (Matt. 28:18,19)**
- c. **Benediction formula. (II Cor. 13:14)**
- d. **He possesses the same attributes as the Father and the Son**
 - i. **He is omnipotent.**
 - ii. **He is omnipresent.**
 - iii. **He is omniscient.**
 - iv. **He has foreknowledge.**
 - v. **He is eternal.**
 - vi. **Holiness**
- e. **The works performed by the Spirit are only possible by God.**
 - i. **Creation**
 - ii. **Inspiration**
 - iii. **Regeneration**
 - iv. **Resurrection**

"We say that we depend on the Holy Spirit, but actually we are so wired up with our own devices that if fire does not fall from heaven, we we can turn on a switch and produce false fire of our own. If there is no sound of rushing mighty wind, we have the furnace all set to blow hot air instead. God save us from a synthetic Pentecost." (Vance Havner)