



Life in the Spirit!

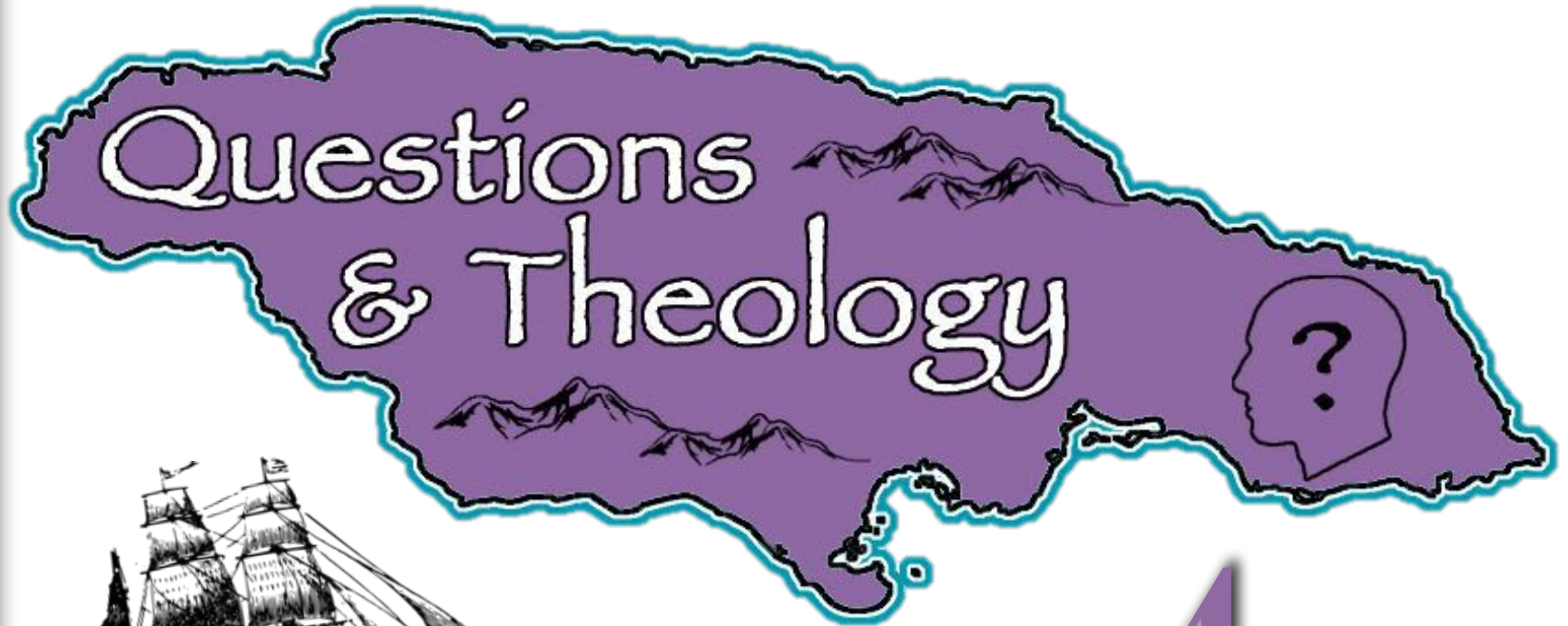
Experiencing the Fullness of Christ

#17 The Person of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)

What is Your Next Port?



Section 4: Christian Doctrine



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“If I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you” (Jn 16:7).

Review Questions???

- Can you be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit?
- Does the Spirit of God live within Christians?
- How can you tell the Holy Spirit has produced the new birth in you?
- Are all Christians baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- How can we tell we have the Holy Spirit?
- Do all Christians have the same gifts?



Introduction

Most Christians today understand Jesus the Son and God the Father as two very distinct Persons within the trinity.

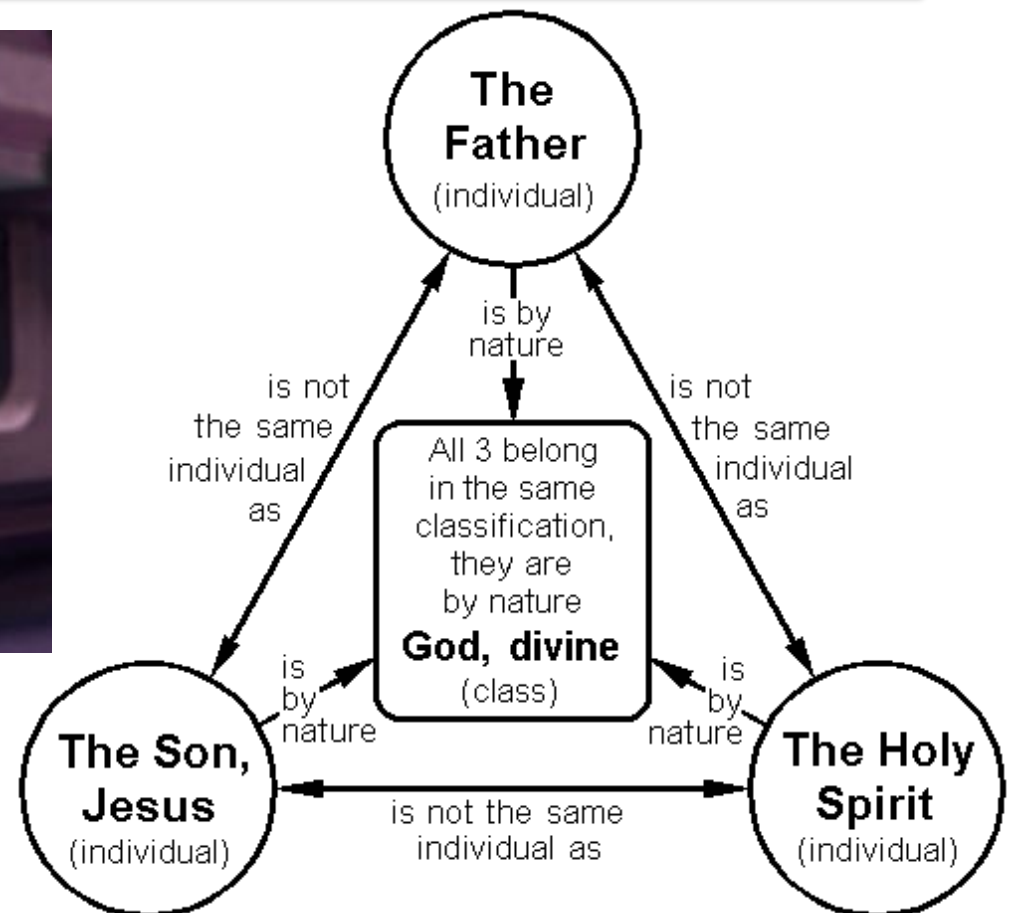
However, there has been more confusion over the identity of the Holy Spirit. Many people throughout the ages have thought of the Holy Spirit to be more as a thing (a force) than a person. Nothing is further from the truth as the Holy Spirit is the full being of God rather than man and is completely holy. As we begin to know the person of the Holy Spirit we will want to have a closer relationship with Him just as we would the Father or Son.

A) Holy Spirit, a Force or a Person?

Definition of a person: One who had substance, completeness, self-existent (continues by one self, not by another (ie robot), individuality (not universal existence), and rationality (excludes nonintellectual ie rocks and plants).

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“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you” (John 14:26).



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- Masculine pronouns are used in reference to the Holy Spirit despite the fact that "Spirit" (Greek--pneuma) is neuter.
- These verses include John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:8, John 16:13-15.

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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph 5:1-2)

B) Attributes of the Holy Spirit

“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

- Old Testament, the Hebrew word ruwach (roo-akh) = wind was used when talking about the Spirit. In the New Testament, the Greek word pneuma (pnyoo-mah) = breathe was used.
- This shows some different attributes of the Holy Spirit. He is omniscient; Spirit knows the thoughts of God (1 Cor. 2:10-11) and omnipresent (Psalm 139:7).
- The Holy Spirit also has life (Rom 8:2), will (1 Cor. 12:11), and is eternal (Heb. 9:14). A mere force could not possess all of these attributes.
- The Holy Spirit is used 92 times in the Bible. Why is ‘holy’ used to describe the Spirit of God? What does it mean for us His people in whom He dwells?

C) The Personal Nature of the Holy Spirit

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Gen 1:2	(creation)
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Rom 8:14	(guidance)
John 14:26	(comforts)
John 16:8	(convicts)
John 16:13	(teaches)
Isa 59:19	(restrains sin)
Acts 8:29	(gives commands)

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is not some mystical force or substance that penetrates the universe like a fog. Rather He is the third part of the trinity and is able to give us new life and unites us to Christ and all of his benefits. The Holy Spirit indwells and seals the believer. As the Holy Spirit lives in the believer, he produces growth in grace and holiness of life. He empowers the Christian for service by giving different gifts.



Discussion Questions

- **What does it mean to commune with the Holy Spirit? Are you doing it on a regular basis?**
- **What attribute of the Holy Spirit most amazes you?**
- **Share an experience where you personally grieved the Spirit of God. How did you work it through?**