

Understanding the Spiritual World

(1) Understanding the Holy Spirit: Know the Person

The Nature of the Holy Spirit

□ The Holy Spirit Is a Person

■ He Has a **Mind**

- (Rom 8:27) and He who searches the hearts knows what **the mind of the Spirit** is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

■ He Has a **Heart**

- (Eph 4:30) **Do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God...
- (Rom 8:26) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings** too deep for words

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■ He Has a **Will**

- (1 Cor 12:11) But one and the same **Spirit** works all these things, distributing to each one individually **just as He wills**.

■ He Has a **Conscience**

- (Heb 10:29) How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has **trampled under foot the Son of God**, and has **regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant** by which he was sanctified, and has **insulted the Spirit of grace**?

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■ He Has **Strength**

- (Acts 1:8) but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

■ A Person Has Mind, Heart, Will, Conscience and Strength:

- (Luke 10:27) And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE (by **Will**) THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL** (**Conscience**) AND WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **MIND**..."

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- (Acts 2:3-4, **Divine**) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** ...? 4 ... You have **not lied to men but to God**."
- (Heb 9:14, **Eternal**) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through **the eternal Spirit** offered Himself
- (John 6:63, **Life-giving**) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life

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- (1 Cor 2:10, **Omniscient**) the **Spirit searches all things**, even the depths of God.
- (Rom 8:11, **omnipotent**) ... the Spirit of Him who **raised Jesus from the dead**
- (Ps 139:7, **omnipresent**) Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I **flee from Your presence**?

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- The Holy Spirit Is God
 - (Rom 1:4, **Holy**) (Christ) was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the **Spirit of holiness**...
 - (Heb 10:29, **Just**) How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God ... and has insulted the **Spirit of grace**?
 - (Rom 5:5, **Loving**) ... the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

- The Holy Spirit Is **Equal in Position** with the Father and the Son
 - (Matt 28:19) ...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
 - (2 Cor 13:14) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

- The Holy Spirit Is **Different in Roles** with the Father and the Son
 - The Holy Spirit **Proceeds (Is Sent Off) from the Father**
 - (John 14:16-17) I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth
 - The Holy Spirit **Proceeds (Is Sent Off) from the Father and the Son**
 - (John 15:26) "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me

The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

- The Holy Spirit Is **Different in Roles** with the Father and the Son
 - **The Holy Spirit Proceeds (Is Sent Off) from the Son after the Resurrection**
 - (John 16:7) "But 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 go, I will send Him to you.
 - (John 20:22) And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

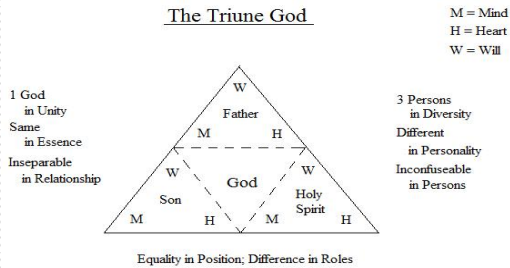
The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

- The Holy Spirit Is **Different in Roles** with the Father and the Son
 - **The Son Proceeds (Is Sent Off) from the Holy Spirit before the Resurrection**
 - (Matt 1:20, **incarnation**) ... "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."
 - (Matt 3:16, **ministry**) After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him

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- The Holy Spirit Is **Different in Roles** with the Father and the Son
 - The Eastern Church (Which Turned into Eastern Orthodox), Following the Nicene Creed, Insisted on the Procession of the Spirit from the Father
 - The Western Church (Which Turned into Roman Catholic, and from Which Came the Protestants) Insisted on the Procession of the Spirit from the Father and the Son
 - The "et fil" controversy was one of the reasons cited for the split in 1054
 - Both Ignored the Change of Procession Order between the Son and the Holy Spirit before and after the Resurrection

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The Holy Spirit in the Trinity

- **(Triune Divinity)** The Father Is God; the Son Is God; the Holy Spirit Is God
- **(Inconfuseability)** The Father Is Not the Son; the Son Is Not the Spirit; the Spirit Is Not the Father
- **(Fullness of Personhood)** Each Person Has an Individual Mind, Heart and Will
- **(Same Essence)** Each Person Has the Same Divine Attributes
- **(Different Manifestations)** The Father Manifests the Will of God; the Son the Mind of God; the Spirit the Heart of God

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Take His Identity from the Father and the Son
 - (2 Cor 3:3) ... you are a letter of Christ, ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God ...
 - (Matt 10:20) For it is not you who speak, but *it* is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
 - (Rom 8:9) However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Loves Holiness, Cleanness, Truth and Order
 - (Rom 1:4) ... the **Spirit of holiness**
 - (Ps 51:10) Create in me a **clean heart**, O God, And renew a **steadfast spirit** within me.
 - (John 16:13) But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...
 - (1 Cor 14:39-40) Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. 40 But all things must be done properly and **in an orderly manner**.

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Hates Sin, Dirtiness, Lies and Disorder
 - (John 16:8) And He, when He comes, will **convict the world concerning sin** and righteousness and judgment
 - (Eph 4:29-30) 29 Let no **unwholesome word** proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God

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 - (Gal 5:19-21) 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: **immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these**, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - (Gal 5:22-23) But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law.

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Is Free, Soft, Gentle and Peaceful
 - (John 3:8) 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 1:32) John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a **dove** out of heaven, and He remained upon Him."
 - (1 John 3:20) But you have an **anointing (by oil)** from the Holy One, and you all know."
 - (John 7:38-39) 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living **water**." 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit ...

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Is Emotional and Easily Offended
 - (Eph 4:30) Do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
 - (Rom 8:26) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with **groanings** too deep for words:
 - (Acts 7:51) "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always **resisting the Holy Spirit**; you are doing just as your fathers did."
 - (1Thess 5:19) Do not **quench the Spirit**

The Holy Spirit in Personality

- He Is Powerful in Revenge When Insulted
 - (Heb 10:29) How much severer **punishment** do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has **insulted the Spirit of grace**?
 - (Acts 3:3-5) 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back *some* of the price of the land? 4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not *under your control*? Why is it that you have *conceived* this deed in your heart? You have **not lied to men but to God**." 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias **fell down and breathed his last**; and great fear came over all who heard of it."

The Holy Spirit in Action

- He Creates and Gives Life
 - (Gen 1:1, **World**) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving (hovering like a hen over the eggs) over the surface of the waters."
 - (Gen 2:7, **Man**) Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath (air, spirit) of life; and man became a living being."

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 - (Matt 1:20, **Christ's Incarnation**) But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for 1the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."
 - (John 3:5, **Believers Regeneration**) 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

The Holy Spirit in Action

- He Cares and Nurtures Life
 - He Is the *Paracletes* (the One Who Comes Along and Helps) (Helper/Counselor/Consoler/Comforter)
 - (John 15:26) When the **Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me
 - (John 14:16) I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be with you forever

The Holy Spirit in Action

□ He Cares and Nurtures Life

■ He Teaches and Leads Those Born of Him

- (1 Cor 2:13) which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.
- (Rom 8:14) For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

The Holy Spirit in Action

□ He Is with Those Born of Him Forever

■ He Baptizes/Cleanses Believers at Conversion

- (1 Cor 12:13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

■ He Indwells/Abides-in Believers Permanently from Conversion

- (John 14:17) *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
- (1 Cor 6:19) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

The Holy Spirit in Action

□ He Protects Those Born of Him Forever

■ He Seals Believers for God

- (Eph 1:13) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise

■ He Circumcises Believers Heart

- (Rom 2:29) 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

The Holy Spirit in Action

□ He Gives Freedom to Those Born of Him

■ He Fills the Believers Only When They Want to

- (Eph 5:18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

■ This Will Create:

- (Eph 5:19 **Praise**) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
- (Eph 5:20, **Thanksgiving**) always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
- (Eph 5:21, **Submission**) and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

The Motherhood of the Holy Spirit

□ Even though

- God Is Spirit, without Body/Sex
- The Holy Spirit Is Always Masculine "He"
- The Word "Spirit" Is Neuter

□ The Best Model of the Holy Spirit in the the Household of God Is a Wife and Mother

- She Takes Identity from the Father and the Son
- She Is Emotional, Gentle and Powerful
- She Gives Life and Cares for the Young
- She Is Eternal Guide and Helper When in Need
- She Manages the Household of God

The Motherhood of the Holy Spirit

□ The Best Model of the Holy Spirit is the Wisdom of God in Proverbs 8, 31

- Wisdom Is Using Knowledge in Practice
- Wisdom Is Like House Management within Given Conditions
- Wisdom Is Practiced by the Best Wives and Mothers
- Wisdom Is Feminine (Pr 7:4), Eternal (Pr 8:22), and Likened to a Women of Excellence (Pr 31)
- Wisdom Should Be Identified with the Holy Spirit, Rather than the Son, as the Fathers Did
- Know and Learn from the Holy Spirit, then You Can Live Wisely