

WEDNESDAY

The Holy Spirit

- Messiah /Holy Spirit = introduced/ portrayed thru/out OT
- Big reveal for both comes in NT = God provided 58 Scripture passages to offer ample proof
- One Sovereign Godhead consists of 3 Divine Persons
 - God—the Father / Son / Holy Spirit
- Formula for Godhead = arrived at thru multiplication. $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$, otherwise stated as 1^3 —or one to the Third power.
- **Powerful teachings on Holy Spirit** = John 14/15/16
- **Romans 8** = Holy Spirit/His operation mentioned 19 times

John 1:12–13 ¹²But as many as **received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, **to those who believe in His name:** ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- How do we receive Christ—WORD OF GOD /became flesh?
 - BELIEVE in His name (character)
 - Place our faith in Him as Savior
 - Acknowledge His teachings by obedience
 - Walk in loyal allegiance to Him as Lord
- Then = born again of will of God as His children

John 3:3–6 vs 3: Jesus said, “ unless one is born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God.” **vs 5:** “unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot **enter** the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- **New birth = comes by / work of Spirit**
- **John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

- **1 John 2:29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.
- **Holy Spirit = crucial to success of Jesus' mission = greatest gift Jesus could offer us**

John 14:16 ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Gr: "**allos Paracletos**"], that He may abide with you forever—

- Paracletos = Helper / Counselor / Comforter / Intercessor / Advocate
- GK: 2 words for ANOTHER: 1) **HETEROS** = another of different kind (orange would be another piece of fruit as compared to an apple).
- 2) **ALLOS** = another of exact kind / perfect duplication replacement
- Jesus identified Holy Spirit = "allos Paracletos"
- Person who would be sent to continue Christ's ministry on earth (after His ascension to Heaven)
- Has exact same qualities /characteristics as Christ, because the Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead.
- He = conscious/ intelligent Person = sent to teach / comfort / advise , defend / intercede for us.
- Holy Spirit = Christ's perfect duplicate Personhood/power,/purpose

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 But the Helper [PARACLETOS], the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place to represent Me/ act on My behalf], He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

- Non-competitive humility = exists among Godhead
- Christ submitted to Father’s will = Holy Spirit submits to Jesus’ authority = Father exalts Jesus to highest place.
- In self-sacrificing love/ humility = none of Three clamor for glory

John 16:7–11 ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when He has come, He will convict the world **of sin**, and **of righteousness**, and **of judgment**: ⁹of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

ABSG: Hence, the key for us to know what is right, what is true, what is good, is our submission of our reason and life experiences to the Word of God through the convicting and convincing power of the Holy Spirit.

“The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.”—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.