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Who Is The Holy Spirit?

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**There is a lot of confusion
regarding the subject
of the Holy Spirit in religious world today.**

**There is not enough preaching and teaching
on the subject of the Holy Spirit.
Ignorance abounds.**

**Many have concluded that the subject
is so difficult. So shrouded in mystery
that it cannot be understood.**

**Superstition and opinion which contradict
the Bible are nevertheless popular.**

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**Much of what is taught in the church
is **reactionary**.**

**An effort to offset the excesses of dry
denominationalism or radical Pentecostalism.**

**It is hoped that this study can avoid
reactionism and extremism,
and simply search for the Biblical truth
about the Holy Spirit, His work,
and His relationship to us.**

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It is a fact Generally recognised and accepted by the theologians that in **every generation** the **THEME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, has been **the least understood** of all Christian doctrines.

This becomes very obvious when we listen to the theories that many so- called scholars have advanced. The fact is that their ideas have only made the water even more muddy!

1. The Spirit is **A SEMI MATERIAL SUBSTANCE**.
(Many German Theologians!)
2. **AN ABSTRACT PRINCIPLE**. (Whatever that may mean?)
3. **AN INSTINCT** or **INFLUENCE** or **INSPIRATION** WHICH
DIRECTED THE N. T. CHURCH.
4. The **COLLECTIVE SPIRIT** which **ANIMATES** the
COMMUNAL LIFE OF A BELIEVER.

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When so-called scholars put out ideas such as these, is it surprising that ordinary believers do not feel very comfortable talking about the Holy Spirit?

In fact, WE CANNOT HELP WONDERING IF THESE MEN
READ THE SAME BIBLE AS OURSELVES!
OR, IF THEY EVER READ THE BIBLE AT ALL!

There are, however, several other reasons
for the **confusion** in the religious world,
about the **Holy Spirit**.

1. The **THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY** is the description in the Oxford Dictionary.
2. He has **NO PERSONAL, IDENTIFYING NAME**.
3. He is called the **Holy Ghost** by The **KJV** Bible.

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WHY SHOULD WE STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Because many Christians
**DO NOT KNOW A GREAT DEAL
ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**
others know virtually nothing at all.

WHY is this the case?

Why so much ignorance and confusion?
Because for centuries it was a neglected subject.

AUGUSTINE who died in 430 A.D.

Wrote that there had not been “a discussion of the subject, full enough and careful enough to make it possible **to obtain an intelligent understanding** of the Holy Spirit's proper individuality.”

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1450 years later, in 1880 the **GERMAN THEOLOGIAN ALBRECHT RITSCHL** asked the question.
"What is meant by the Holy Spirit?"

He then went on to say "that the subject has been so neglected by theologians that he, could not undertake the work that would be needed to answer the question.

Neglect of the subject has had the unfortunate consequence that some theologians, "ABSTAIN FROM USING THE IDEA ALTOGETHER."

Coming closer to our own time **Dr. Glover (1925)** in 'Paul of Tarsus' claimed that "**NO ORIGINAL WORK** (he meant no real study,) **HAS BEEN DONE ON 'THE HOLY SPIRIT' SINCE THE DAYS OF THE APOSTLES'.**"

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In 3rd century, **PAUL OF SAMOSATA** (d.272) a bishop in Antioch, **denied the deity of Christ.** **AND** taught that the **Holy Spirit is an influence, or power exercised by God**".

The result was that his views became the **foundation** of what was later called "**UNITARIANISM**".

The same view was revived about the time of the Reformation, by two **POLISH** theologians **LAELIUS SOCINUS** and his nephew **FAUSTUS**, and they developed a following, and the extent of their influence can still be seen in the "A.V" today!

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The fact is that, when the **A.V.** came to be published.
They translated the personal pronoun used
to describe the Holy Spirit as **"IT."**
As a mysterious spiritual influence or force.

Religious people spoke and prayed about
the Holy Spirit as **"IT":-**
As a mysterious spiritual influence or force.
So that **the religious world found it**
virtually impossible to relate
to the Holy Spirit as a person or being.

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Happily MODERN translations have corrected this error in the **+264 times the Holy Spirit is mentioned** in the N.T.

Among certain religious bodies:-

A great deal of confusion and error:- MORMONISM

President Joseph F. Smith, taught that the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are NOT the same. (DC.C. p.240)

James.E. Talmage, one of the "12 Apostles" of Mormonism, said that "they ARE the same." (Articles of Faith. p.159)

Brigham Young described the Holy Spirit as:-

"Ethereal substance, diffused through the universe."

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Jehovah's Witnesses

“THE WATCHTOWER ORGANISATION”

“The word **“ghost”** is from the Greek word which is properly translated **“spirit”** It **does not mean a person or a creature or being,** but means the power of Jehovah God, which power is invisible to the human eyes.

The **holy spirit**, otherwise translated **“holy ghost”**, therefore **means the invisible power** of Jehovah, which is entirely devoted to righteousness or holiness.”

Riches. p 188. (Notice no capital letters. GM)

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CHRISTADELPHIANS.

**“Spirit concentrated under the Almighty’s will,
becomes Holy Spirit, as distinct
from spirit in its free, spontaneous form.”**

**(see pp. 95-96 “Christendom led Astray.” by Robert Roberts.
(The Holy Spirit is really **Holy Electricity!** FW)**

**Even today it is occasionally said.
THE MORE YOU HAVE OF THE WORD OF GOD,
THE MORE YOU HAVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:-
Thus confusing the Spirit with the SCRIPTURES.**

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

"In the words of St John; "He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever"

"Divine Science." (Science and Health)

"His students received the Holy Ghost."

"By this is meant, that by all they had witnessed and suffered they were aroused to an enlarged understanding of divine Science."

These quotations indicate the degree of error and confusion which has surrounded, - and still surrounds- the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

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The degree of NEGLECT, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit has suffered in the past is seen by the fact that:-

At the end of the last century, in the LIBRARY of one of our universities, **THERE WERE some 2000 books on the life of Paul, and a mere handful about the Holy Spirit.**

Sir William Ramsay wrote:-

"Paul the Traveller and Roman Citizen." Which has at least 400 pages. He has just **3 pages dealing with Paul and the Holy Spirit.**

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A SCOTTISH LADY BEING CATECHIZED!

The Minister asked her.

**'HOW MANY PERSONS ARE THERE
IN THE GODHEAD?'**

She replied two. He said No there are three.

**She replied “I know but
you never talk about the Holy Spirit”**

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WHEN WAS INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REVIVED?

In 1857, **WILLIAM ARTHUR**. "Tongue of Fire."

Was the catalyst for the so-called

"PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT."

Or "Charismatic Movement"

**Religious people rediscovered
the Holy Spirit's existence!**

**They began to use the many expressions
found in the N.T.**

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**GIFT, GIFTS, BAPTISM, INDWELLING,
FILLING, GUIDANCE,
LEADING OF THE SPIRIT.**

**The SO CALLED CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT
SPRANG UP.**

**‘FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL!’
‘HOLINESS!’ ‘PENTECOSTAL!’
and other religious bodies.**

**All CLAIMING to be LED by the Spirit,
EVEN THOUGH THEY DISAGREED
AMONG THEMSELVES,
as to what the Spirit was saying!**

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There is absolutely nothing wrong with the words and phrases they used:- They were taken out of the N.T. BUT THE WAY IN WHICH THEY APPLIED THEM, WAS VERY WRONG INDEED!

They were taken out of context and misused to support ideas and doctrine about the Holy Spirit which are nowhere found in the Scriptures.

To complicate matters further, these people spoke about the Holy Spirit in such a superior kind of way. About the miraculous gifts they claimed to possess, that ordinary Christians were often made to feel inferior.

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The so-called **“Charismatic Movement”**.

Even invaded certain sections of the churches that are usually regarded as **VERY ORTHODOX**. Attracting emotional men and women who found the older churches too quiet and sober by comparison with the New Pentecostal bodies.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, BAPTIST, METHODIST CHURCHES, ETC. WERE AFFECTED BY THIS MOVEMENT. The “ALPHA Course” is a classic example.

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There is no doubt at all that these so-called Spirit-led people? Believed that they were superior to ordinary church-members!

What we need today is to go back to the word of God, to discover what it has to tell us about the Holy Spirit.

If it were possible to take away what you already know and take away your Bible, you would not even know that the Holy Spirit exists!

We should never forget that ALL WE CAN KNOW WITH CERTAINTY ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOUND IN THE BIBLE, WE ARE ENTIRELY DEPENDANT ON THE SCRIPTURES.

**In fact, it is true to say that
the Bible IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
OWN REVELATION OF HIMSELF!
His autobiography!**

**And if we really want
to GET TO KNOW the Holy Spirit,
there is no better, no other way,
than by reading the Scriptures.**

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The Lord Jesus tells us that this is the age of the Holy Spirit's ministry.

The Lord said, “And when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will convict the world in respect of sin righteousness and judgment.”

**There is a sense in which today, the world
outside of the Church does not have to deal
personally with God, or the Lord Jesus,
but has to deal with the Holy Spirit.**

**Because it is The Holy Spirit's task
to ENCOURAGE and EMPOWER
THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL.**

**In order to bring men & women to recognize
their sin, and the need of repentance,
and thus find salvation in Jesus.**

**Who are we going to listen to
The word of men or the Word of God?**

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**The rise of mysticism and emotionalism
has played a large role in attributing
to the Holy Spirit things
that we can be certain should not be.**

Professed miracles.

Professed Divine revelation.

Professed spiritual contacts and direct faith.

Professed direct leading.

**True spirituality is – Fearing God, and keeping
His commandments as defined by His word.**

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Unreliable!!

Ministers of
MISINFORMATION

*Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf,
Iraqi Minister of Information*

We turn on the TV and see many televangelists using the claim of divine healing as part of their repertoire. Even in Corby there are times when **we see the invitations come along at 7.30pm and be healed / a healing service** is taking place but nothing lives up to the healing we see in the first century.

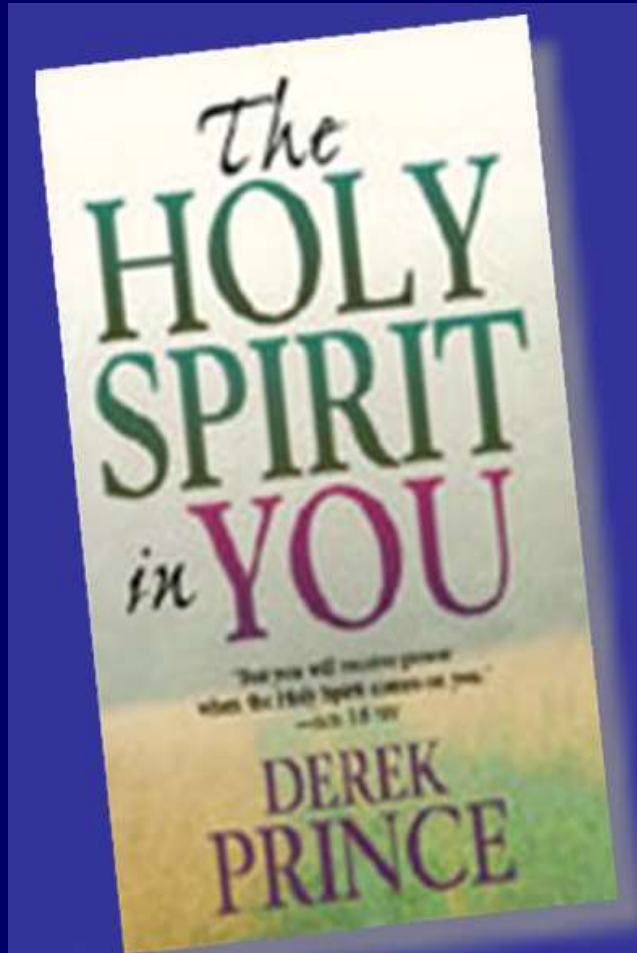


Some have no doubt found that if they promise to **HEAL** people **they will get more donations to their lucrative ministries**. This is the obvious reason why they make the false claims because they have never performed an unquestionable miracle as Jesus and the Apostles did.

This is different from praying for the sick and suffering as we all can do.

To claim that you have the same gifts as the apostles and the early Christians based on the same promises of God is making false claims. Nobody raises the dead today despite what is often claimed.

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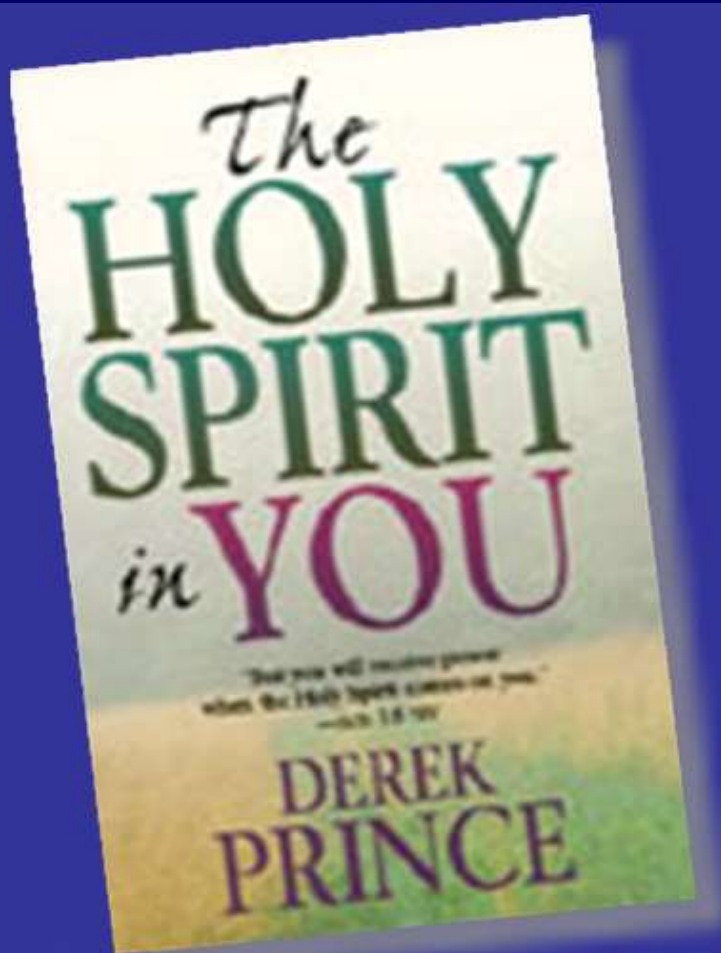


Through this power, the believer can:-
Know the continual presence of Jesus,
Better understand the plans of God,
Become a bold witness for Christ,
Acquire revelation, Receive supernatural direction, Pray according to God's will, and **Receive physical healing and endurance.**

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They all perform acts of worship and work, as well as advocating organizations which are foreign to the Word of God. Yet they all claim to be guided by the same Spirit:- HOW CAN THAT BE?

The **enemies of Jesus and the Apostles** may not have liked their teachings or the threat they posed to their positions of authority over the people, but **they never questioned that the miracles were real.**

Jesus and the Apostles **never failed** to heal a person who came to them for healing. **They never used the persons lack of faith as an excuse for failure.**

The only time we see a failure to heal
is in **Matt 17:18-20**;

“And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon
came out of him, the boy was cured at once.

Then **the disciples came** to Jesus privately
and said, “**Why could we not drive it out?**”

And He said to them,

"Because of the littleness of YOUR faith!"

The main point here is that after a long time
with casting out demons and doing other miracles,
the disciples started to trust in their own power.

In Matt 17:19; we see the real problem.
The ones who have the gift, (the disciples)
were the ones who lacked faith.
Jesus blamed the DISCIPLES lack of faith
NOT the sick persons lack of faith!.

They lost sight of the fact that they really
could do nothing without faith in God's power.
It is never the gifts that God gives us, it is
always the giver,
the Lord Jesus Christ, that matters.

It is interesting that with modern faith healers
when they fail, they blame
the faith of the person who is ill.

**WHAT ABOUT THE MANY CLAIMS THAT ARE MADE
BY THOSE CLAIMING TO POSSESS THESE POWERS?**

“9 This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10. He will use every kind of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would save them.”

“11. So God will send great deception upon them, and they will believe all these lies. 12. Then they will be condemned for not believing the truth and for enjoying the evil they do” 2 Thess 2:9-12;

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The Lord your God is testing you to see if you love him with all your heart and soul."

"4. Serve only the Lord your God and fear Him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to Him.
5. The false prophets or dreamers who try to lead you astray must be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery in the land of Egypt. **Since they try to keep you from following the Lord your God, you must execute them to remove the evil from among you."**

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18. “I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will tell that prophet what to say, and he will tell the people everything I command him.

19. I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf.”

20. But any prophet who claims to give a message from another god or who falsely claims to speak for me must die.’ 21. You may wonder, ‘How will we know whether the prophecy is from the Lord or not?

“22. If the prophet predicts something in the Lord's name and it does not happen. The Lord did not give the message. That prophet has spoken on his own and need not be feared.” Deut 18:18-22;

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**SO EVEN IF THEY COULD DO MIRACLES!
IF THE MESSAGE THEY BRING
IS DIFFERENT STONE THEM!**

**Mormons claim to do Miracles
Yet they teach and believe that we can all be Gods.**

**Many others believe in miracles,
but also teach you can be saved
by Faith Alone or Grace Alone!**

**Although they claim that it is all done
by the same Spirit, they cannot agree with
each other about the Holy Spirit's Message.**

Source Of Valid Information.

The Holy Spirit Will Not Guide:-

**Men To Teach Conflicting
Doctrines.**

**Men To Teach Doctrines
Contrary To
The Word Of God.**

**Men To Perform Acts
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1 Cor 14:33;

**“For God is not
the author
of confusion but
of peace, as in all
the congregations
of the saints.”**

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**Truth will not
contradict itself!**

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Objective Information

Inspired Source

i.e. the scriptures

**(Cf. John 14:26; 15:26;
16:12-13; Romans 8:
2; 2 Timothy 3:16;
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ONLY Reliable Source!



**The Holy Spirit Has
Revealed ALL The
Truth About Himself
That We Can Know!**

The word of God is the **ONLY** valid and objective source for information concerning the Holy Spirit.

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1 Cor 4:6 (NKJV)

“ . . . that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.”

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Ephes. 3:3-4 (NKJV)

**“how that by revelation
He made known to me
the mystery (as I have
briefly written already,
by which, when you read,
you may understand
my knowledge in the
mystery of Christ)”**

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Objective Information:-

**The Inspired Revelation By
The Holy Spirit Was
Supernatural, Verbal, And Final!**

**Where is the room
for more divine instruction?**

**Are we satisfied with what the Spirit has
said about Himself, and other things?**

Along with all Christians, **I want everything that God wants me to have and enjoy religiously:-**
Everything He promises, all that He allows,
and all that He intends:-

I do not want counterfeit blessings & experiences!
I do not want a spirit of error and deceit!

Warning: Jesus said, "Take heed that no man lead you astray. For many shall come in my name, saying 'I am the Christ', and shall lead many astray." Matt 24:4-5;

We must **NOT assume** that everything done
"in the name of the Lord" is valid, or that it has
the approval of the Lord. **Saying that the
Holy Spirit directs you is not enough to make it so.**

“We are to be on guard against Satan,
the one responsible for the attitude
or spirit of disobedient people”. Eph 2:2;

John warns us to **“test every spirit** to see
whether it is of God, for many false prophets
are in the world.” 1 John 4:1-6;

The **baptism** of the Holy Spirit.

The **gift** of the Holy Spirit.

The **spiritual gifts**
of the Holy Spirit.

The **indwelling**
of the Holy Spirit



Who Is The Holy Spirit

Many current questions about the Holy Spirit can and should be answered.

Should one seek and expect
Holy Spirit baptism today?

Are **miraculous powers** and **gifts**
of the Holy Spirit available today?

What about speaking in tongues?

Does the Holy Spirit dwell in
the individual believer, and if so, how?

What part, if any, does the Holy Spirit
play **directly in converting sinners**?

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

**No one should be prepared to answer
(or perhaps even to ask)
such questions unless they know:-**

**Who the Holy Spirit is, and how to understand
and apply what is said in the written word of God
about the Holy Spirit and His relationship to us.**

**True spirituality is:- Fearing God,
and keeping His commandments
as defined by His word.**

**God is seeking a relationship with us
based on our response to Jesus.**

The Holy Spirit's Prominence:- in the Bible.

Some positive reasons for undertaking the study of the Holy Spirit.

The prominent place given to Him in the Bible.

He is mentioned 88 times in 23 OT books, with 18 different names used.

**He is called the Holy Spirit in:-
Psalm 51:11; and Isaiah 63:10-11;**



The Holy Spirit's Prominence:- in the Bible.

He is mentioned **264** times in the NT.
with **39** names used.

60 or more references in the gospels.

Acts has **57** references.

(which is why some call it "**The Acts Of The Holy Spirit.**")

The letters refer to the Holy Spirit **132** times
Only 3 letters make no mention of the Spirit.
(Philemon, 2 & 3 John.)



THE PROMINENCE IN "THE LIFE OF CHRIST" HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

Jesus was **conceived of the Holy Spirit**
in the womb of Mary. **Mt 1:20; Lk 1:30-35;**

Matt 1:20; “As he considered this, he fell asleep,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.
"Joseph, son of David," the angel said,
"do not be afraid to go ahead with your
Marriage to Mary. For the child within her
has been conceived by the Holy Spirit.”



THE PROMINENCE IN "THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Various individuals were filled with the Spirit to make pronouncements about Jesus birth.

Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist - **Lk 1:41-42;**

“At the sound of Mary's greeting,
Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and
Elizabeth was **filled with the Holy Spirit**.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary,
"You are blessed by God above all other women, and
your child is blessed.”



THE PROMINENCE IN "THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Zacharias, father of John the Baptist - **Lk 1:67-79**;

67. "Then his father, Zechariah, was **filled**

with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:

68. "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited his people and redeemed them.

69. He has sent us a mighty Saviour from the royal line of his servant David,"

THE PROMINENCE IN "THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Simeon, who saw the infant Jesus when presented in the Temple - **Lk 2:25-35;**

“25. Now there was a man named Simeon who lived in Jerusalem.

He was a righteous man and very devout.

He was **filled with the Holy Spirit**, and he eagerly expected the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

26. The **Holy Spirit** had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

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HIS PRESENCE AT THE BAPTISM BY JOHN.

Descended in bodily form like a dove - **Lk 3:21-22;**

**“21. One day when the crowds were being baptized,
Jesus himself was baptized.**

As he was praying, the heavens opened,

22. and the Holy Spirit descended on Him

in the form of a dove. And a voice from heaven said,

"You are my beloved Son, I am pleased with you"



Even "alighting upon Him" - Mt 3:16;

**16. "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out
of the water, the heavens were opened**

**And John saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and settling on Him."**

HIS PRESENCE DURING THE TEMPTATIONS.

Jesus was "filled with the Holy Spirit" - Lk 4:1;
"Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
left the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit
to go out into the wilderness."

Matt 4:1-2; "Then Jesus was led out into the
wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted there
by the Devil. For forty days and forty nights
He ate nothing and became very hungry."



Holy Spirit's power during Jesus' ministry...

Jesus returned from His temptations **"in the power of the Spirit"** to teach in the synagogues. Lk 4:14-15;

"Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Soon He became well known throughout the surrounding country. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone."

Holy Spirit's power during Jesus' ministry...

He applied Isaiah's prophecy to Himself, which said
"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me..." Lk 4:16-21;
17. "The scroll containing the messages of Isaiah
the prophet was handed to Him, and
He unrolled the scroll to the place where it says:-

18. "The **Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, for he has
appointed me to preach Good News to the poor.

19. He has sent me to proclaim that captives
will be released, that the blind will see, that the
downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors."

Holy Spirit's power during Jesus' ministry...

On one occasion it is said that Jesus.
"rejoiced in the Spirit."

Lk 10:21; "Then Jesus was **filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit** and said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise and clever, and for revealing it to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way."



Jesus claimed to **cast out demons**
by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Mt 12:28;

"But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God,
then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you."



His prominence in "the Christian's life"

THE SPIRITS INVOLVEMENT IN OUR BECOMING CHRISTIANS...

We are **convicted of sin** by the Holy Spirit. **Jn 16:7-8;**

“But it is actually best for you that I go away,
because if I don't, the Counsellor won't come.

If I do go away, he will come because
I will send him to you.

8. And when he comes, **he will convince
the world of its sin**, and of God's righteousness,
and of the coming judgment.

HIS INVOLVEMENT IN OUR BECOMING CHRISTIANS.

We are "**born again**" of the Spirit - **Jn 3:5-8**;

“Jesus replied, “The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being **born of water and the Spirit**.”

6. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the **Holy Spirit gives new life** from heaven.”

“7. So don't be surprised at my statement that **you must be born again**. 8. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, **so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit**.”

HIS INVOLVEMENT IN OUR BECOMING CHRISTIANS.

We are "**renewed**" of the Holy Spirit - **Tit 3:4-6;**

“But then God our Saviour showed us his kindness and love. 5. He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy.

He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.”

We "live in the Spirit." - Gal 5:25a;

“25. If we are living now

by the Holy Spirit,

let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading

in every part of our lives.

26. Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.



THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN.

Romans 8:9;

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

HIS PRESENCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES.

We are to "walk in the Spirit", Gal 5:16-18;

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires.

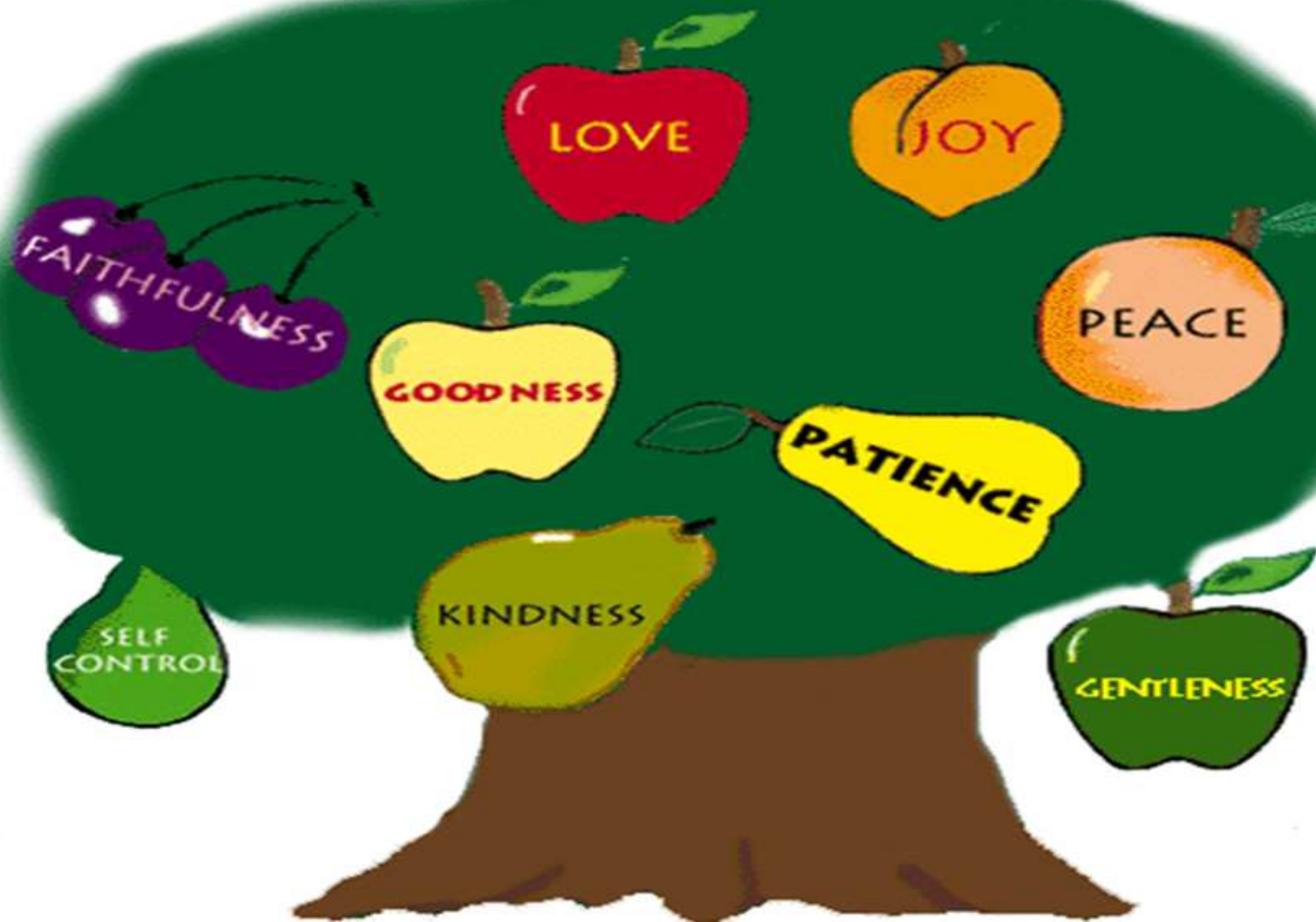
These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.

18. But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.”

We are to "walk in the Spirit.", producing the "fruit of the Spirit" - Gal 5:22-23;

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.”

The Fruit of God's Spirit



HIS PRESENCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES

It is "**by the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body" **Rom 8:11-13**; "The **Spirit of God**, who raised Jesus from the dead, **lives in you**. And just as he raised Christ from the dead, **he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you**"

"So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13. For if you keep on following it, you will perish. But **if through the power of the Holy Spirit you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live.**"

Only when "**led by the Spirit**" are we truly the "**sons of God**" **Rom 8:14**;
"For **all who are led by the Spirit of God** are children of God."



HIS PRESENCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES.

The Holy Spirit **"makes intercession for us"**
in our prayers:- Rom 8:26-27;

**"And the Father who knows all hearts
knows what the Spirit is saying,
for the Spirit pleads for us believers
in harmony with God's own will."**

**"And we know that God causes everything
to work together for the good of those
who love God and are called
according to His purpose for them."**

HIS PRESENCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES.

**God strengthens us
“with might through His Spirit”
in the inner man. - Eph 3:16-17;**

**“I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources
He will give you mighty inner strength
through His Holy Spirit.**

**And I pray that Christ will be more and more
at home in your hearts as you trust in Him.**

**May your roots go down deep into
the soil of God's marvellous love.”**

HIS PRESENCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES.

Thus we can enjoy the "**communion (fellowship) of the Spirit**" - **2Cor 13:14**;

**"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."**

Phil 2:1-2; "Is there any encouragement from
belonging to Christ? Any comfort from His love?
Any fellowship together in the Spirit?
Are your hearts tender and sympathetic?"

**2. Then make me truly happy by agreeing
wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another,
and working together with one heart and purpose."**

Who Is The Holy Spirit

The Providence of God. This will involve us in the whole question of whether the Holy Spirit does anything now apart from the written word of God, or in addition to it.

The Holy Spirit's work in conversion and redemption. John 16:8-13, Heb 9:14;

The Holy Spirit's work in vitalizing the church and the Christian. John 3:5, Rom 8:10;

The Holy Spirit is to be properly honoured and worshipped **as God the Spirit.**

We are now living in a time which might properly be called "**the age of the Holy Spirit,**" since He is the prominent member of the Godhead present within us on earth.

His prominence in "the Christian's life"

**Future lessons will discuss
all these things in greater detail.
Suffice it to say that since the Holy Spirit
is so involved in our lives as Christians.**

**It encourages us to understand
the proper relationship
we are to maintain with the Spirit!**



Prominence of the Spirit regarding "truth and error."

2 Pet 1:18-21; “We ourselves heard the voice when we were there with Him on the holy mountain. Because of that, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets.

Pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a light shining in a dark place, until the day Christ appears and His brilliant light shines in your hearts.

20. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves, or because they wanted to prophesy. It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God.”

Prominence of the Spirit regarding "truth and error."

HE IS THE SOURCE OF GOD'S TRUTH...

1. The O.T. scriptures with their prophecies came through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

1 Pet 1:10-11; 2Pet 1:20-21;

1Pet 1:10-11; "This salvation was something the prophets wanted to know more about.

They prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you, even though they had many questions as to what it all could mean.

11. They wondered what the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when He told them in advance about Christ's suffering and His great glory afterward. They wondered when and to whom all this would happen."

Prominence of the Spirit regarding "truth and error."

HE IS THE SOURCE OF GOD'S TRUTH...

2. Jesus told His apostles that the Holy Spirit would teach them "all things", and guide them "into all truth." John 14:24-26; 16:12-13;

Jn 14:24-26; "Anyone who doesn't love me will not do what I say. And remember, my words are not my own. This message is from the Father who sent me. I am telling you these things now while I am still with you."

26. But when the Father sends the Counsellor as My representative, and by the Counsellor, I mean the Holy Spirit, He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you." W.E.B.

Prominence of the Spirit regarding "truth and error"

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2. Jesus told His apostles that the Holy Spirit would teach them **"all things"**, and guide them **"into all truth."**

John 14:24-26; 16:12-13;

Jn 16:12-13; "Oh, there is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, **He will guide you into all truth.**

**He will not be presenting His own ideas;
He will be telling you what He has heard.**

He will tell you about the future.

14. He will bring Me glory by revealing to you whatever He receives from Me."

Prominence of the Spirit regarding "truth and error."

HE IS THE SOURCE OF GOD'S TRUTH. 1Cor 2:10-13;

There is no other way to know the truth of God's Will except by **what the Holy Spirit revealed to the apostles.**

11. "No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

12. And God has actually given us His Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

13. When we tell you this, we do not use words of human wisdom. We speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths."

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH ERROR.

Error is taught about the nature of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Some think He is an impersonal force expressive of God's power.
- b. Others think He is really Jesus in another form.

Many people misunderstand:-

- a. The **baptism** of the Holy Spirit.
- b. The **gift** of the Holy Spirit.
- c. The **spiritual gifts** of the Holy Spirit.
- d. The **indwelling** of the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH ERROR...

Many attribute "impressions or "intuitive feelings"
to being "led by the Spirit."

- a. They are Ignorant of how the Holy Spirit leads us.
- b. They are often Attributing to the "Holy Spirit"
what is really the "human spirit."

It should be evident that our subject
is indeed an important one.

As our understanding
of the Holy Spirit increases,
so will our appreciation for Him.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

Definition: a person is an identifiable being, capable of action, able to sustain relationships, etc.

The word "**person**" says nothing about form, limitations, location, etc.

It is easy to see **Jesus of Nazareth** as a person, the Son of God.

We can identify Him **historically, geographically, and physically** - in human form.

Matthew 16:16; He was Son of God on earth, and is Son of God in heaven.

We forget that He Was God and Will be God again.

When He became flesh He became identified as the Son and when He finishes His redemptive work He will be identified again as God. John 17:5;

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

It is more difficult to view God as a person.

We often speak of Him in human terms. We speak as though He had a body and parts as man has, even though we know that God is spirit (John 4:24).

We are accustomed to thinking of God as:-

**Someone to whom we can
direct our prayers, praises, etc.**

**He is often identified as the Father,
God the Heavenly Father.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

But the problem of thinking of the **Holy Spirit as a person** is difficult because we cannot assign Him a form, or location.

**The Holy Spirit is not a "FORCE,"
an attribute of God, or an INFLUENCE.
Some reduce Him to A MERE FIGURE OF SPEECH,
OR TO A WRITTEN WORD, the Bible.**

**Others think of Him as the breath, ENERGY,
or manifest power and influence of God.**

**But He is MUCH MORE He is not just
"a manifestation of God's power."**

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

The term **Holy Ghost** (in the KJV) should probably be avoided.

"Ghost" is a bit spooky-sounding, and frightening to some.

"Ghost" is from the Saxon **"geist"**

It can mean **"guest."**

He is the Holy Guest. That expression is rich with possible implications about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

THE HUMAN SPIRIT:-

“The body without spirit is dead.” James 2:26;

“May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless.” 1Thess 5:23;

**The
spirit
of.....**

MANS ATTITUDE:-

Bondage/Adoption. Rom 8:15;

Stupor / Slumber. Rom 11:8;

Antichrist. 1 John 4:3;

Truth. 1 John 4:6;

Gentleness / Meekness. Gal 6:1;

Wisdom. Exod 28:3;

The Holy Spirit laid the Foundation.

HOLY SPIRIT.

**John 14:26;
The Holy Spirit
would help
the Apostles
to remember
what Jesus had
said to them.**

John 14:26; (NKJV)

**“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 things that
I said to you.”**

The Holy Spirit laid the Foundation.

HOLY SPIRIT.

John 14:26;

**1) The Apostles
were Empowered.
(Acts 2:1-4,17,33;)**

Acts 2:4,33. (NKJV)

**“ And they were all
filled with the Holy
Spirit and began
to speak with other
tongues, as the Spirit
gave them utterance.”**

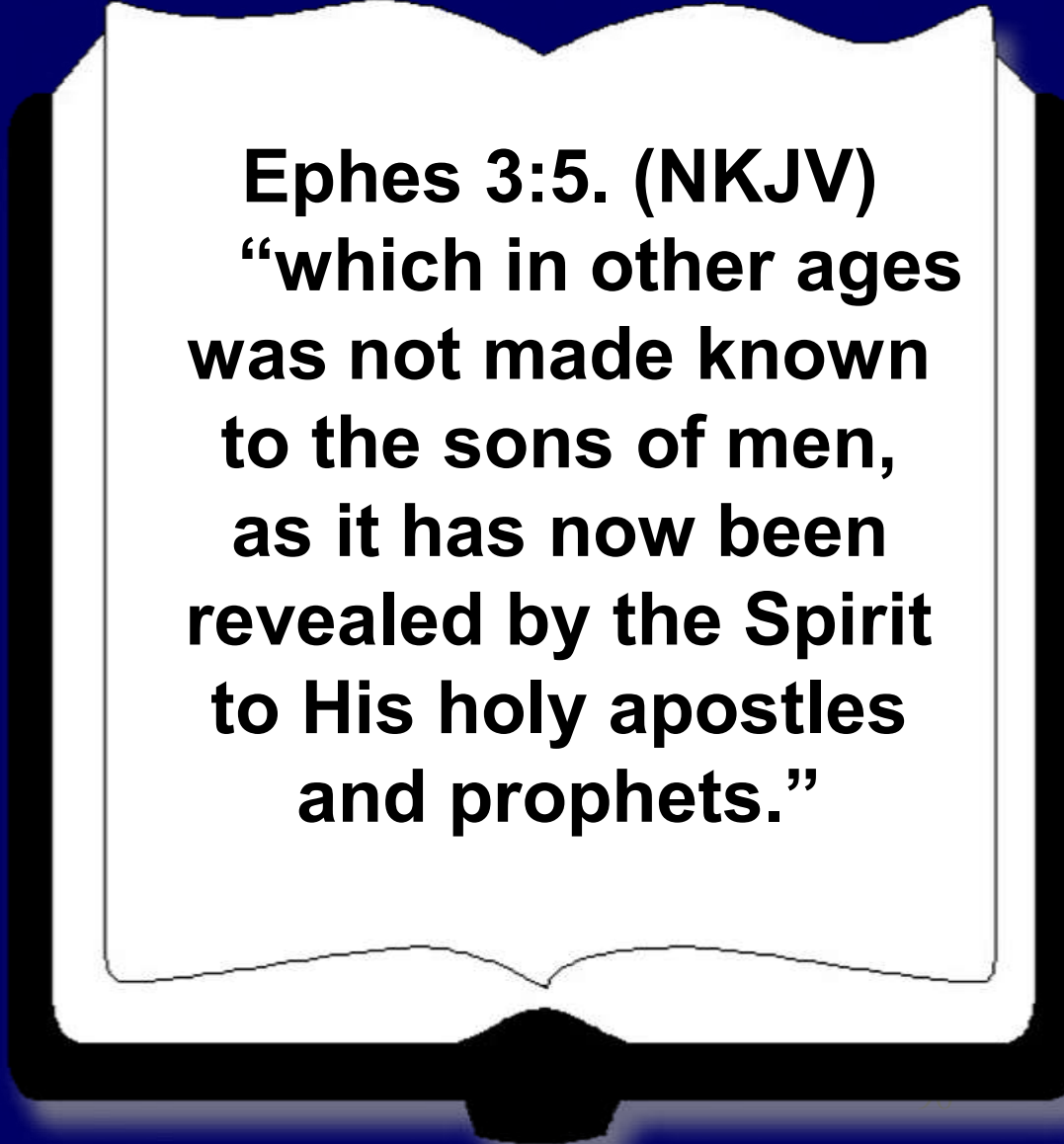
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**2) The Gospel
was Revealed.
(Eph 3:3-5;)**



**Ephes 3:5. (NKJV)
“which in other ages
was not made known
to the sons of men,
as it has now been
revealed by the Spirit
to His holy apostles
and prophets.”**

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HOLY SPIRIT.

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(Eph 3:3-5;)**

**3) The Gospel
was Confirmed.
(Heb 2:4;)**



Hebrews 2:4; (NKJV)
**“God also bearing
witness both with
signs and wonders,
with various miracles,
and gifts of the Holy
Spirit, according
to His own will?”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON
The **Hebrew RUACH** and the **Greek PNEUMA**
which are translated as "**spirit**" can
also mean **wind, breath, life, vitality, etc.**
and are so used in the scriptures.

O.T. Heb- RUACH.
Used approximately 200 times.
Literally "wind", "breath".

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

A word of wide meaning, used of:-

- a) **Spirit of God.** Gen 1:2;
- b) **Holy Spirit.** Isa. 63:10;
- c) **Spirit of man.** Job. 32:8; 1 Kings 21:5;.
- d) **Spirit of jealousy.** Num 5:14;
- e) **Evil spirits.** Jud 9:23;.
- f) **Breath.** Gen. 6:17; Job 27:3;
- g) **Air.** Job 46:16;
- h) **Anger.** (spirit of anger) Jud 8:3;

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

IN SUMMARY.

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons / personalities that make up the Godhead / Deity.

He is equal and one with God
having all the divine attributes
Yet He is a **distinctive** person / personality
from the **Father** and the **Son**.

Who Is The Holy Spirit.?

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