

MEET THE SILENT SHEPHERD

Selected Passages

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. A Spirit but with attributes of a person:

1. Has a mind like a person: (*1 Cor. 2:10-11; Rom. 8:27; 1 Cor. 12:11*)
2. Has feelings like a person: (*Eph. 4:30*)
3. Has desire and will like a person: (*1 Cor. 12:11; Acts 16:6-11*)

B. A Spirit but with actions of a person:

1. Guides us through the truth and hearing of the Word: (*Jn. 16:13*)
2. Convicts us of sin: (*Jn. 16:8*)
3. Performs miracles: (*Acts 8:39*)
4. Intercedes: (*Rom. 8:26*)

C. A Spirit but with the ascription of a person:

1. He is to be obeyed: (*Acts 10:19-21*)
2. He can be lied to: (*Acts 5:3*)
3. He can be resisted: (*Acts 7:51*)
4. He can be grieved: (*Eph. 4:30*)
5. He can be blasphemed: (*Mt. 12:31*)
6. He can be insulted: (*Heb. 10:29*)

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT, PART OF THE UNFATHOMABLE MYSTERY OF THE TRIUNE GOD:

A. The oneness of God: (*See Deut. 6:4; 4:35; 32:29; Ex. 20:3; Isa 45:14; 46:9*)

B. The unity of God: (*See Gen 1:1, 26; 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8*)

1. The Father is recognized as God: (*See Jn. 6:27; 1 Pet. 1:2*)
2. Jesus Christ is recognized as God: (*See Jn. 1:1; 1 Tim. 4:10; 6:14-16; Tit. 1:3; Heb. 1:8; Rev 1:8*)
3. The Holy Spirit is recognized as God: (*See Acts 5:3-4*)

C. The attributes of God: (*See back*)

	Heavenly Father	Jesus Christ	Holy Spirit
Eternality	<i>Rom. 1:23</i>	<i>Jn. 3:13; 8:58; 17:5; Col. 2:9</i>	<i>Heb. 9:14</i>
Omnipresence	<i>Jer. 23:23-24; Mt. 6:6</i>	<i>Mt. 18:20; 28:20</i>	<i>Ps. 139:7</i>
Omniscience	<i>Ps. 147:5; Job 21:22</i>	<i>Mt. 16:21; Lk. 6:8; 11:17; Jn. 4:29</i>	<i>1 Cor 2:10-11</i>
Omnipotence	<i>Ps. 147:5; Job 37:23</i>	<i>Mt. 28:18; Mk. 5:11-15</i>	<i>Lk. 1:35; Rom. 15:13,19</i>
Creator	<i>Gen 1:1</i>	<i>Jn. 1:3; Col 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Rev 4:11</i>	<i>Job 33:4</i>
Drawing and calling	<i>Jn. 6:44</i>	<i>Lk. 13:34; II Pet. 3:9; Mt. 11:28</i>	<i>Heb. 3:7-8; Rev. 22:17</i>
Holiness	<i>Lev. 11:44; Isa. 5:16</i>	<i>Rev. 4:8</i>	<i>Acts 2:33</i>

D. The diversity of the Godhead:

1. Heavenly Father as God -- plans salvation for everyone, is Who you pray to and Who answers prayer, disciplines His children, gives His children gifts: (*See Jn. 3:16; Mt. 6:9; Jn. 15:16; Lk. 11:13; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:16; Heb. 12:9; Ja. 1:17*)
2. Jesus Christ as God -- purchases salvation for everyone, judges everyone, the Advocate for anyone: (*See II Pet. 3:9; 1 Jn. 2:1-2; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 5:8-11; Jn. 5:22; Acts 10:42; Rev. 19:11*)
3. Holy Spirit as God -- seals salvation for anyone, positionally and progressively sanctifies, delivers prayers, restrains, gives spiritual gifts: (*See II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; Tit. 3:5; Rom. 15:16; II Thes. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 2:18; Rom. 8:26; II Thes. 2:6-7; 1 Cor. 12:7*)

E. The mystery of the Triune God: (*See Mt. 3:16-17; 28:19; II Cor 13:13-14*)

Defining the Trinity: The word trinity is never found in the Bible though the idea of the trinity is taught in many places. The word trinity means "tri-unity" or "three-in-oneness". The Bible clearly teaches there is only one God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three eternal and coequal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The same in substance, but distinct in subsistence. The truth is considered a divine mystery beyond human comprehension. Three simple statements summarize this Biblical absolute truth:

- A. God is three persons
- B. Each person is fully God
- C. There is only one God

III. **PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:**

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. Don't be intimidated when discussing the unfathomable mystery of the Triune God.
- B. Unfathomable mysteries for finite minds are designed to humble and stimulate the wonder of worship.