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The Personality of the Holy Spirit

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1. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit all have attributes of the “Godhood”/ Godhead.
2. **Matt 28:18-20** Tells us that we are to be baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. How do we know that there are 3 in the Godhead?
Matthew 3 records for us the Baptism of Jesus, and you have:
 - A. Jesus – Being baptized
 - B. God (the Father) – Saying this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.
 - C. The Holy Spirit – Descending upon the Christ.
4. In **Ephesians 4** we are told there is ONE.
(Eph 4:4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **(Eph 4:5)** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **(Eph 4:6)** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
5. How does the Holy Spirit Speak to us today? _____
6. God (the Father) literally spoke to people (Abraham, Cain etc...); Jesus literally spoke to people. But NOT the Holy Spirit.
7. The Holy Spirit is God. We tend to think of the Holy Spirit as some “Ghost-like” creature. But whatever “material” the Holy Spirit is made of, so too is God. **John 4:24** says that God is a Spirit.

The 5 attributes of the Personality of the Holy Spirit.

1. He has a MIND.

A. He is a “thinking” being.

1 Cor 12 In describing the different miraculous gifts, someone had to decide which gift would be given to what person. Who Decided?

1Cor 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

B. What does “as he will” mean? _____

C. Without the mind of the Holy Spirit, we would have only a limited knowledge of God.

D. The Holy Spirit tells us the “things of God.”

1 Cor 2:9-10 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

E. The Holy Spirit has a mind.

2. The Holy Spirit is a Teacher.

A. God the Father is a teacher. He teaches us the difference in good and evil.

Titus 2:11-12- *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

B. Jesus is a teacher.

Nicodemus said to Jesus, “we know thou art a teacher come from God.”

C. The Holy Spirit is a teacher.

What kind of teacher is He? –

1. Comforting

Jesus speaking to the apostles said:

John 14:26-*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

He was the Comforter for the apostles. He would guide the apostles into ALL truth.

2. He was CLEAR

1 Cor 2:13 - *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

The Holy Ghost teaches us through WORDS. (verbal inspiration of Scriptures)

3. He Loves.

A. God the Father loves me. (**John 3:16, 1 John 3:1**)

B. God the Son loves me. (**John 13:34**)

C. God the Holy Spirit loves me. (**Romans 15:30**)

How has he shown that love?

1. The Bible was given to us.
2. He made sure the Son came to the earth.
3. He led the Son to be tempted.

Why? Why could not the angels help during his temptation?

So he could be the perfect example of overcoming temptation.

How did he overcome temptation? Through the word. (“It is written.”)

We needed someone to be tempted in all forms like as we are, yet without sin. (**Heb 4:15**)

4. He is Good.

God the Father is good. (**Rom 2:4, Psa 23:6, Psa 25:7, Psa 31:19, Psa 33:5, Psa 52:1, Psa 107**)

God the Son is good. (**Acts 10:38, Matt 11:29-30**)

The Spirit is good. (**Neh 9:20**)

When you walk after the Spirit:

You get “sweet.” – **Gal 5:22** (Fruit of the Spirit)

You will not go to Hell. (**Rom 8:1**)

5. His Heart Can Be Broken.

The Father and the Son have hearts that can be broken. (**Gen 6:6**)

*And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. (**Gen 6:6**)*

John 11:35 says “*Jesus wept.*”

The Holy Spirit can be grieved.

*And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (**Eph 4:30**)*

What does it mean to “grieve the Holy Spirit”? – To walk in such a way as to cause heaviness or sorrow to the Holy Spirit.

*But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. (**Isa 63:10**)*

How does one VEX the Holy Spirit? — “Vex” means “To fabricate or to fashion,” the attitude of the Holy Spirit. The rebellion hurt Him.

(Heb 10:28-29) *He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

What does the word “despite” mean? - _____

Can you and I live in such a way that we can grieve or vex the Holy Spirit?

If we refuse to obey Him then we grieve Him. If we refuse to repent of our sins then it is possible to vex Him.

We are baptized in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (**Rom 8:1**)*

The Spirit in Inspiration

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What is the meaning of Inspiration? _____

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

The Godhead all have a specific “role” in our salvation.

1. God (The Father) made the plan.
2. Christ executed the plan upon the cross.
3. The Holy Spirit delivered/revealed the plan.

Some different “views” of inspiration.

1. Natural – A certain thought “inspires” someone (i.e....Shakespeare)
2. Thought – God gave thoughts and men had to tell what He thought.
3. Partial – In spots the Bible is inspired and in other parts it is not inspired.
4. Verbal, Plenary- Complete word-for-word inspiration – This is the correct view of inspiration. All the others are false views. (**2 Tim 3:16-17**)

The inspired Word is active. (ALIVE):

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12)

When Peter talked about the writings of Paul in **2 Peter 3** he called them SCRIPTURE.

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you ;As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction. (2 Pe 3:15-16)

Scripture is referred to as the “sacred writings;” those things inspired of God.

The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: (Act 8:32)

In order for Scripture to be profitable it must be READ, and FOLLOWED.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psa 1:1-2)

Scriptures came NOT by man but by the Holy Spirit.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Pe 1:20-21)

God’s Word is LIVING.

Man is to live by God’s Word. (**Matt 4:4**)

For What is God's Word Profitable?

1. DOCTRINE – all you do in word or deed.

We must have authority from God in all that we do and teach.

We walk by faith not by sight. (**2 Cor 5:7**)

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. (**Heb 11:6**)

We do only the things written in God's Word. (**John 6:44-45, 1 Cor 4:6, Acts 2:42, Rom 10:17**)

Doctrine means teaching.

God sent the apostles out to give the people DOCTRINE.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (Joh 12:48)

How does one "receive Christ" today? Receive His Word.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. (Joh 13:20)
(Also **Luke 10:16**)

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (2 Ti 2:2)

Where did the apostles and the writers of the Bible get the words they wrote?

John 16:13-14 – The Holy Spirit would guide them into ALL truth.

Acts 2:4– They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak.

What did the apostles teach? The Gospel/Doctrine of Christ.

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (Gal 1:8)
Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. (1 Ti 4:16)

2. REPROOF – Correction of error in the life of a person.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12)

God's Word will penetrate down deep in your heart.

And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; (Pro 5:12)

We must do things God's way.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (Pro 6:23 also Isa. 58:1)
I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (2 Ti 4:1-5)

Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. (1 Ti 5:20-21)

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. (Tit 1:9)

Hold the truth when it is popular and when it is not. When the people like it and when they do not.

Some may think we are the enemy because we are telling them the truth, but they did the same to Paul. (**Gal 4:16**)

Some examples of reproof:

John the Baptist reproved the Pharisees and Sadducees. (**Mat 3:7**)

Matt 6:18-19 – John the Baptist reproved Herod and Herodias because they did not have the right to be married to each other.

Stephen – Speaking to the Jews, reproved them and said they resisted the Holy Spirit. What were they resisting? The teaching. And when one resists the teaching, then they resist the Holy Spirit.

Paul reproved the Corinthians. Paul reproved Peter in front of the whole congregation. (**Gal 2:11**)

3. CORRECTION:

The Holy Spirit guides us but he uses the WORD by which to guide. We are divinely guided but NOT directly guided.

Correction means restoring the erring to the Right.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. (Gal 6:1)

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. (Jam 5:19-20)

The greatest miracle of all is the Word of God. Why? Because it answers error before men ever think of it.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Mat 24:24)

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Th 2:9-12)

God will leave men to believe delusions and lies if that is what they want to do. God tries to guide us through His Word, but if we refuse He will leave us to our own.

Romans 1

We ought not to believe every Spirit.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (1 Jo 4:1)

The Seven sons of Sceva-

Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. (Act 19:13)

And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? (Act 19:15)

According to the Psalmist in Psa 119:172 what is Righteousness? _____

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Mat 7:21)
Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds. (2 Jo 1:9-11)*

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

How does the Holy Spirit work today? – Through the Word of God.

When you and I understand the will/word of the Lord, then we can walk as the Spirit guides.

Ephesians 5 says be filled with the Spirit. How does that happen?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Col 3:16-17)

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Rom 8:1-2)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Ti 3:16-17)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit
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Joel:

Joel 2:28-32

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joe 2:30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Vs.28 – The Spirit would be poured out, and miracles would be the result.

John the Baptist:

Mat 3:11

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

- Baptism of fire is being immersed with eternal punishment. We don't pray for that.

Joel says the power *will* come.

John says one *will* come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus:

After Jesus' resurrection:

Acts 1:2-5

Act 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Act 1:3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

“they” and “them” = the apostles

vs 5 - ‘ye’ – apostles

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

vs 8 – ‘ye - apostles

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven he said:

Luke 24:49

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

- Power would be from “on high.”
- In Jerusalem
- For the apostles

Acts 2:1

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

They = apostles

Refers back to Acts 1:26 (The apostles)

Acts 2:3

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

‘them’ – apostles

Matt 3:11 and Acts 2:3 “Fire” is NOT the same thing.

Acts 2:4-5

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

They saw it come.

Mark 9:1

Mar 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Luke 24:49 -

Luk 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

“Power would come.”

Acts 1:8

Act 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 2:14-16

Act 2:14 *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*

Act 2:15 *For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

Act 2:16 *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

Vs 16 “this is that” – This is what Joel prophesied about.

When the apostles did receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, notice:

they did NOT start barking like dogs.

they did NOT begin rolling around on the ground.

they did NOT have uncontrollable laughter.

Eph 6:17

Eph 6:17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit.

Col 3:16; Eph 5:18

These two verses show that when one has filled his life with the Word, then he is indeed filled with the Spirit.

The Apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit, but the 3000 were not. Why?

1. Holy Spirit baptism is not a command. (They were commanded to be baptized.) It is a promise to the apostles.
2. Water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism are NOT the same thing.

John 3:5

Joh 3:5 *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

How is one baptized in the water and the Spirit?

Acts 8:29-35

Act 8:29 *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*
Act 8:30 *And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?*
Act 8:31 *And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.*
Act 8:32 *The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:*
Act 8:33 *In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.*
Act 8:34 *And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?*
Act 8:35 *Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

Notice: The Holy Spirit gave Philip the words, not the eunuch.
The eunuch obeyed the Spirit, and was baptized in water.
He never requested the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Rather he wanted to be baptized in water.

In **Joel 2**, Joel had mentioned that the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon “all flesh.” That is representative of Jews and Gentiles both.

Acts 10:44

Act 10:44 *While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*

- The Spirit did not fall on the “speakers” as he had done in Acts 2. This time he fell on the hearers.
- Some say that Cornelius was not baptized in the Holy Spirit, because he could not pass on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 8:18**)

Could Cornelius have been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

Acts 11:15-17

1. **Acts 11:15** says the Holy Spirit fell on them (Cornelius’ house) as on us (apostles) at the beginning. In the same way.
2. **Acts 11:16** – It reminded Peter of what Jesus had told them would happen.
3. **Acts 11:17** – “like” = the same; identical

Does that mean that Cornelius could do all the works that the apostles could do? No.

T or F ---If someone was baptized in the same element it MUST have necessarily been for the same reason?

T or F --- Jesus was baptized in water.

T or F --- We are baptized in water.

T or F --- We are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins.

T or F --- Jesus was baptized for the forgiveness of His sins.

Jesus was not baptized for forgiveness of his sins. He was sinless. He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness.

Jesus was baptized in the same “element” as we are baptized in, but not for the same “reason” that we are.

Therefore, Cornelius was baptized in the same “element” as the apostles but not for the same “reason” as them.

Is the Holy Spirit baptism still available today?

Acts 8:1

Philip went down to Samaria.

Acts 8:5

This was not the same Philip as the apostle. This was Philip “the evangelist.”

Acts 8:6-7

He could do miracles.

Acts 8:12-14

They “received” the Word. That means they heard and obeyed not simply heard it; the same as **Acts 2:41**.

How did they verify the Word was from God? (**Mark 16:16-20**)

How were the miraculous gifts given? (**Acts 8:18**)

Since there are no apostles today, no one today can impart miraculous gifts to anyone else.

There were 2 different baptisms recorded in **Acts 2**. _____ & _____

There were 2 different baptisms recorded in **Acts 10**. _____ & _____

When Paul wrote his Ephesians letter in approx AD 60-65, how many baptisms did he say there were? (**Eph 4:5**) _____

Which one was it? (**Eph 5:26**) _____

1 Pet 3:21

As Noah was saved by water, so too, water (baptism) saves us.

We are beneficiaries of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but we are NOT recipients of it.

The Holy Spirit in Conversion

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John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Christ is speaking to some very distraught apostles. Luke records that they cried themselves to sleep (slept for sorrow.)

Christ encourages the apostles and tells them that He will send ANOTHER comforter.

Any time the Holy Spirit is said to be a comforter it is always a statement given to the inspired apostles, and not regular people.

The word “another” – carries with it the idea of “another of the same kind.” He told the Apostles that the Spirit would abide with them for ever.

John 14:17

[Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Receive – *Lambano* – can mean to receive, but can also mean **to take by force.**

Christ assures the apostles that even though He may be taken, one is coming whom the world can not take by force.

John 16:7-8

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

It is expedient that He (Christ) goes away in order that the Spirit may come.

Perhaps because they have different works, perhaps also that as a Spirit He can “move” more rapidly than a “human” life form.

He is coming to reprove and convert the world. Why? Because NOW God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world.

In the Old Testament (OT) there was not a day of judgment yet set, because there was not a judge. God overlooked the OT times to the time that Christ came into the world. (**Acts 17:30-31**)

Now Christ is the judge, and God has set forth a day to judge the world.
(John 5:22)

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVERT THE SINNER?

How does one Spirit cross the chasm to another spirit?

1 Cor 2:9-10

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

WORDS

Isa 64:4 For since the beginning of the world [men] have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, [what] he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

This passage is not about Heaven, but a **message** that is coming that has never been seen or heard.

1 Cor 2:9-10 -- The Holy Spirit and God SPOKE to one another.

1 Cor 2:12-13

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

We learn of God, by Words given by the Holy Spirit, and recorded in the Bible.

Words are powerful. God spoke and the world was created.
He put that power in the Word.

The apostles were walking New Testaments; they were the gospel, in earthen vessels. (**2 Cor 4:7**)

Rom 10:17

Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes by hearing the WORD (Rama- the breathed word). It is a living message.

Eph 6:17

The sword of the Spirit is the WORD (Rama) of God.
There has never been a Christian where the Word of God has not gone.

Some say “God Spoke to me.”

God has never spoken in secret. (**Isa. 48:16**)

Jesus speaks “openly.” (**Jn 18:20**)

There is one who speaketh in secret. Be sure to be careful if you are “hearing voices.”

How does the Holy Spirit convert?

He uses the Word (rama) of God.

Acts 2:22

“hear these words”

Acts 2:37 – they heard the words.

Did the Holy Spirit do His part in conversion? _____ – How?
_____ (**Vs 4**)

They were saved because they heard (obeyed) the WORDS that were spoken.
You and I will be saved the same way. The Holy Bible is God’s Word, and we are to be saved by “hearing” it.

Acts 4:2

They taught and preached.

Acts 4:4 says they Heard, believed and obeyed.

Acts 5:20

Speak – Words

Vs 33 says they HEARD – They were cut to the heart, however, they resisted.

Acts 7:2

Stephen SAID.

Vs 51 They resisted.

Vs 54 They HEARD – but resisted.

Acts 8:5

Philip PREACHED.

Vs 12 They heard, believed and were baptized.

Acts 9 (Saul/Paul)

Paul actually met Jesus. Saul was not saved before he went to the city.

Jesus SPOKE to tell him to go to the city where it will be TOLD what he must do.

He even prayed for 3 days, but still was not saved.

Then a preacher SPOKE and TOLD him to arise and be baptized.

Acts 10-11 (Cornelius)

Acts 11:14 – He would TELL HIM WORDS whereby he would be saved.

Acts 15:7-9

“Purified their hearts by faith.” What does that mean?

1 Pet 1:22

They obeyed the Word.

Acts 16:13-14

Vs 13 They SPOKE.

Vs 14 She HEARD.

Her heart was opened by WORDS given by God. That is how our hearts are opened (or closed) today.

Acts 17:11-12

They “received the Word.” (did what it said)

They searched the Scriptures.

There was not then, and there is not now, a “special” nudging that is going to take place in order to save a soul.

Eph 6:17 –

The Spirit uses the sword to convict and convert. What is the sword?

How does the Holy Spirit convict and convert people today?

The Holy Spirit in Sanctification

Keith Mosher Sr.

There are 4 words all with the same root. All mean roughly the same thing.

1. Hagiadzos - “Hallowed” – to venerate, to purify, to separate from that which is profane.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Matt 6:9

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts... 1 Pet. 3:15

Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, [both] of man and of beast: it [is] mine. Exo 13:2

That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males [shall be] the LORD'S. Exo 13:12

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work. 2 Tim 2:21

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes 5:23

- Concerning the second coming – He tells them that when he comes again they will be wholly sanctified.

2. Hagios – “to belong to God exclusively” – “Saints”

But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Pet 2:9

3. Hagiasmos -The “effect” of sanctification

“holiness” 1 Thes 4:7, Heb 12:14

4. Hagiotes-- The property of His holiness. Heb 12:10

What is Sanctification?

To set apart

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor 6:17-18

-- To be separated, set apart for God's use

What sanctification is **not**:

1. NOT sinless perfection
 - a. John writing to the church said:
 - i. ***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9***
2. NOT freedom from inherited sin
 - a. We are not born in sin.
 - b. Calvinism teaches that sanctification gets rid of our inborn sin first, then it gets rid of our own sin.
 - c. Under Calvinism Jesus becomes the “double cure.” There is no such thing as a “double cure,” for we do not inherit our sins.
3. NOT Holy Spirit baptism
 - a. There are only two occasions of Holy Spirit baptism.
 - i. The apostles, and they were already clean. (John 15:6 ff)
 - ii. Cornelius, and the Holy Spirit baptism did not save him.

Who are Sanctified (set apart)?

Those who obey God

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 1 Cor 1:2

How does one get into Christ? - Through obeying the Word.

We (Christians) are set apart for God's use.

Delivering thee from the people, and [from] the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, [and] to turn

[them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:17-18

We are sanctified by faith in Christ.

When we are IN Christ- we are sanctified. (set apart for God's use)

When does sanctification occur?

The moment you are baptized into Christ (Acts 26:17-18)

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:9-11

This is a ONE TIME action. – (aorist tense)

You were washed, set apart, justified, and forgiven, when you obeyed the gospel.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Pet 1:21-22

1. Sinless – Christ
2. Born again – set apart (sanctified) person.

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Heb 13:12

Sanctified by the blood of Christ

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Rom. 6:3

Baptism is when we contact the blood of Christ.

WHAT IF – sanctification DOES mean “sinless perfection” as some claim?

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth John 17:19

Did Christ cleanse His own sins?

Or did Christ set Himself apart in order to save us?

***But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
1 Pet 3:15***

Who removes God's sins?

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? John 10:36

Did God remove Jesus' sins?

Moses told the Jews to "sanctify" the animals for sacrifice. Did they cleanse the animals of their sins? (Exo 13:2)

We are sanctified and justified at the same time

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Rom 15:16

WHAT SANCTIFIES?

The Spirit

Rom 15:16

The Word

John 17:17

Faith in God

Acts 26:18

Christ's entering into the veil

Heb.6 18-20; 2 Tim 2:21

Obedience

2 Cor 6:17-18

Baptism

Eph 5:25-26

Being in the Church

Acts 18:8

1Cor 1:2

The question is not what the Holy Spirit CAN do; the question is what did the Holy Spirit say He does do.

And He says that He operates in conversion and sanctification.
(He convicts men of Sin – **John 16:7-8**)

How does the Holy Spirit sanctify? (By what means?)

He uses the seed which is _____ . **Luke 8:11**

The Roman Catholic Priest says that he (the priest) is the means of sanctification.
Calvinism teaches one must be “awakened” by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in order to be sanctified.

The Armenian (followers of James Arminius) believes the Holy Spirit elects those that would believe, and they must be “awakened” by the Holy Spirit.

But all of these who claim the “direct operation of the Holy Spirit” are dependent upon subjectivity (everything is subjective).

Followers of Barth and Bultman, the originators of “experiencing” the Holy Spirit, will use words like “God laid a word on my heart today.”

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. John 12:48

We must receive His Word.
Personal testimonials DO NOT produce faith.

God said faith comes from His Word. (**Rom 10:17**)

Is anyone today “sanctified” by the Holy Spirit **Directly?** _____.

How then are they/we sanctified? (**John 17:17**) _____.

The Holy Spirit and Providence

Robert Taylor

1. Providence is found only one time in scripture (KJV). **Acts 24:1-2** – It does not refer to the providence of God.
2. God provided for His people in both the Old and the New Testaments.
 - a. All 3 are involved in providence. (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit)
 - b. All 3 were in creation, **Gen 1:1-2** (Elohim, plural) working together.
3. David showed confidence in God’s Providence.

(Psa 37:25) *I have been young, and [now] am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

(Psa 112:9) *He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

(Psa 116:12) *What shall I render unto the LORD [for] all his benefits toward me?*
4. The New Testament shows God’s Providence to all people.

(Mat 5:45) *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*
5. We must place our TRUST in God.

(Mat 6:33) *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

 - The essential necessities of life will be given to us if we seek His Kingdom first.
 - Not necessarily our “wants”
 - **Matt 6:28-33**- These verses show that God cares for the lilies of the field. He cares for the things that we use to clothe ourselves, and eat. How much more will He take care of us?
6. Paul in Lyconia (Lystra and Derbe) showed that God’s Providence is upon all people.

(Act 14:17) *Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*
7. James says the same:

(Jam 1:17) *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*
8. GOD’S PROVIDENCE WAS SEEN:
 - a. Garden of Eden
 - b. Enoch

- c. Noah
- d. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- e. Joseph
- f. Moses
- g. Israelites
- h. Judges

9. One Good resource –

- a. JW McGarvey’s sermons on Providence as seen in:
 - i. Joseph
 - ii. Esther

10. 2 Types of Providence today

- a. General – for all mankind
- b. Special – for God’s people

11. General –

- a. God has given all men, the same opportunity.
- b. He has given the law of sowing and reaping for all mankind.
- c. He has given all men air, water, and food.
- d. He has given all men the opportunity to make money.

12. Special-

- a. God takes specific care of His people.
- b. He hears the prayers of His children.
- c. His children had special help (providential).

(Heb 13:5) [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

(Heb 13:6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord [is] my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

13. How does one gain special providence?

- a. By being IN Christ
- b. **Gal 3:27** – by Baptism
- c. **Rom. 6:3-4** – By Baptism
- d. “IN CHRIST” or similar terms are found 169 times in the Bible.
- e. The Holy Spirit helps, in that He wrote the Bible. Everything we know was revealed by Him to the writers.

14. The Holy Spirit helps us providentially.

(Rom 8:26) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

(Rom 8:27) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what [is] the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God.

The Holy Spirit helps by speaking to God when we pray to God when we don't really know how to convey our thoughts to Him.

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit *Charles Leonard*

Sometimes we have difficulty understanding some things.

We may never fully understand EVERYTHING about the Holy Spirit, but we can understand what has been revealed about the Holy Spirit, in the Bible.

One thing that causes confusion is the KJV version calling Him a “Holy Ghost.”

The Holy Spirit is a Divine personality. He is God.

How does the Holy Spirit indwell a person?

(different measures)

1. Baptismal measure – Acts 2, Acts 10
2. Gifts by laying on of the apostles’ hands – Acts 8:14-17
3. The “ordinary or indwelling” measure

We will be discussing #3 today.

2 Views of the “ordinary” measure

1. Personally- literally indwelling
2. Representatively – He dwells through the Word.

The Holy Spirit DOES indwell.

(1 Co 3:16) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

(1 Co 6:19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

(2Ti 1:14) That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

(1 Jo 3:24) And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

(1 Jo 4:13) Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

All of these show that the Spirit does indwell the Christian.

But HOW is the question we must answer. How does the Holy Spirit indwell?

(Joh 14:23) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

We (the Father and the Son) will make our abode (dwell) with him.

Now if the Holy Spirit indwells, and the Father and the Son indwells, we need to know HOW the three of them indwell.

(1 Jo 4:15-16) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

(Gal 2:20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Christ lives in us.

But HOW do they indwell?

(Eph 3:17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Deity indwells Christians “by faith.”

How does one get that faith?

(Col 1:27) To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

How did Christ get to dwelling in you? – Through faith.

What about the Holy Spirit?

(Eph 5:18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

(Eph 5:19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Parallel passage:

(Col 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

If being filled with the Holy Spirit has the same results as letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly- then the two are the same. And we see that the Spirit dwells through the word.

If any Member PERSONALLY indwells flesh- then we have incarnation.

Incarnation = “deity indwelling flesh”

Only Mary – Literally – had Deity inside her.

One could argue that if we are all “God in the flesh,” then why not worship one another?

But the fact is that Deity only indwells us through Faith.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38, Acts 10:45, is not the LITERAL Holy Spirit, but rather the miraculous gifts to be received (in the first century).

Deity does not literally indwell us.

The problem:

Pentecostals for years have claimed that the Holy Spirit, literally, comes into them, and gives them “something” other than what the Word of God gives them.

Now, some in the Lord’s church are saying the same thing.

Yes, Deity does indwell man—but HOW???

According to the Bible, Deity dwells by Faith.

How does one receive faith? _____ . (**Rom 10:17**)

Does the Holy Spirit Work Miraculously?

Curtis Cates

We do believe in miracles.

In fact, the Word of God came by miraculous means.

The Creation was brought about by miracle. (**Gen.1:1**)

The purpose of miracles was to confirm the Word (**Heb. 2:1-4**)

The apostles were given the ability by God, to lay their hands on people in order to impart a miraculous gift to someone else.

- When the last apostle died, so did the way (laying on of hands) of miracles cease.
- When the last person on whom an apostle had given a miraculous gift to died, that was the end of the miraculous age.

The Prophets prophesied about the end of the miraculous age.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, [that] I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. (Zec 13:1)

Miracles to the church are like scaffolding to a building. Once the building has been completed you don't need the scaffolding any more.

The 2 passages we will deal with today are parallel passages.

1. **1 Cor 13**
2. **Eph 4**

(1 Co 12:31) But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

So he talks about wanting the best gifts.

(1 Co 13:8) Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away.

There is coming a time when:

Prophecy – will fail

Tongues – will cease

Knowledge (supernatural) – will vanish away

But Love will never stop.

(1 Co 13:9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

“in part” – Shows imperfect knowledge

Currently – Paul says we (at that time) have imperfect knowledge.

(1 Co 13:10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When the perfect is come the “in part” will be done away.

In Part	Perfect
Prophecies Tongues Knowledge (miraculous)	

That which is “*in part*” will be done away. The miraculous gifts will be done away with.

(1 Co 13:11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Now Paul uses an analogy –

A child	A man
Childish things	

Paul says, the way he put away childish things when he became a man, so too would the church put away the miraculous.

(1 Co 13:12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Paul states:

Now during the “*in part*” times we look through a dark glass. Not everything is fully revealed.

But THEN (when the perfect is come) we will see exactly what it is. It will be fully revealed.

In Paul’s Day the Word was being revealed “in parts.”

One day it would be all fulfilled; completed.

The “perfect” in this chapter is not the Christ.
It is the revealed Word of God.

The “in part” was to be done away when the perfect (full revelation) was come.

(1 Co 13:13) *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity.*

But even when the miraculous is done away – something will still be around.
Faith, Hope and Love.

Love is the greatest because it will last throughout all eternity.

Faith - We will not have to believe in the “unseen” any longer, so that kind of faith will not exist.

Hope - We will no longer hope for that which we have attained.

Love – We will continue to have love throughout all eternity.

(Eph 4:7) *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.*

(Eph 4:8) *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*

Christ ascended (**Acts 1:9-11**)

When He did – He led captivity captive.

He defeated Satan and made possible the freedom of mankind from him.

Gave gifts –

Once he ascended back to the Father, He gave miraculous gifts unto man.

(Acts 2:33)

(Eph 4:9) *Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?*

He first descended – born of a virgin.

Killed, and buried into the lower parts of the earth (the tomb)

Then he ascended.

(Eph 4:10) *He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.*

The same one that descended is the one who ascended. And in so doing, he fulfilled all the Old Testament scriptures.

(Eph 4:11) *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

Miraculous gifts
Apostles – laid hands on these others
Prophets
Preachers/teachers
Elders

But why? Why did he give miracles to these men?

(Eph 4:12) *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

For the perfecting of the saints to perfect the church
This young church needed these miraculous gifts, (to confirm the Word)
until the perfect came.
He gave them gifts for the perfecting of the church, the edifying (building up) of
the body of Christ.

(Eph 4:13) *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

Till –
“we all attain (ASV) – come to the unity of the Faith.”

What was in part? – The miraculous gifts.
When did they cease? – Once he (the church) became a full grown (perfect) man.

(Eph 4:14) *That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

So one day the church would “outgrow” the miracles. They would have complete revelation, and not every wind of doctrine could persuade the Christians.

(Eph 4:15) *But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:*

We today are expected to be the “grown up” church.

(Eph 4:16) *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

All these miracles were good for what they were but they would lead to the complete revelation and not be needed any more.

What do these passages teach?

1. Apostles laid hands on people to pass on the miraculous gifts.
 - a. Once the last apostle died, so did transference of these gifts.

- b. Once the last person on whom they laid their hands died, the miraculous gifts died.
2. God would guide THE APOSTLES into all truth.
 - a. **John 14:26**
 - b. **John 16:13**
 - c. When John (the last living apostle) died revelation was complete.
3. **James 1:5** tells us that we have the perfect law of liberty.
4. The perfect Word of God is supposed to mature us, to keep us from being swayed by false teaching.

The Holy Spirit and Calvinism

Curtis Cates

The Tenets of Calvinism:

Total Hereditary Depravity

A.K.A.; Total Inability (limitation)

Unconditional Election:

God ARBITRARILY (by no action on man's part) chose who would be saved and who would be lost for all eternity.

Limited Atonement:

Christ died only for the "ELECT," those saved individuals.

Irresistible Grace:

Once it is time to be saved, you can not possibly resist the "Holy Spirit" coming on you.

Perseverance of the Saints:

Once saved, you can not fall from grace; you can not depart from salvation.

The GLUE of Calvinism is something called IMPUTATION (Calvinistic Imputation).

Bible Imputation:

(Rom 4:1) *What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?*

(Rom 4:2) *For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.*

(Rom 4:3) *For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

- Counted – Imputed, Reckoned = "put onto your account"

(Rom 4:4) *Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*

- We can't find righteousness on our own, else we could tell God he OWED us Heaven.

(Rom 4:5) *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

(Rom 4:6) *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*

(Rom 4:7) *Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*

(Rom 4:8) *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

(Rom 4:9) *Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.*

Once Abraham OBEYED then it was counted to him for righteousness.

3 Elements of Calvinism (all are wrong)

1. All are totally depraved.

- Adam was put to the test and failed.
- Adam represented all mankind so we all “inherit” Adam’s sin.
- All mankind (according to Calvinism) who was born of woman are born sinners.
- Christ was born of a woman. Would that not make Him a sinner as well?
- We are born in sin, HATING God. (according to Calvinism)
- Total Inability - carries the idea that we are unable to understand the Word of God and to obey it. Therefore, the Holy Spirit must come on us literally and “enlighten” us personally.

Does the Bible agree?

Matt 18:1-3

(Mat 18:1) *At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*

(Mat 18:2) *And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,*

(Mat 18:3) *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

We must become like little children. Does that mean we are back to being depraved?

(Eze 18:4) *Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

(Eze 18:20) *The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.*

Children do not inherit sins from their parents.

Babies’ souls go to Heaven. **(2 Sam 12:23)**

Questions:

Why did God impute sin to Adam? _____

Why did God impute sin to Eve? _____

Why did God impute sin to David? _____

Why did God not impute sin to Abraham? _____

NEVER IN SCRIPTURE, IS ONE’S SINS SAID TO BE IMPUTED TO SOMEONE ELSE. ALSO, NEVER IN SCRIPTURE, IS ONE’S RIGHTEOUSNESS SAID TO BE IMPUTED TO SOMEONE ELSE.

Even Albert Barnes (a Calvinist) says so. His words were later “fixed” to conform to Calvinistic teaching.

2. Our sins are imputed to Jesus (Calvinism says).

The “elects” sins were imputed to Jesus.

Christ did not die only for the elect.

(Rom 5:8) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

(Heb 2:9) *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

(Joh 3:16) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Calvinism says that when Christ was on the cross, all the sins of the elect were placed upon Him and He became the worst sinner to ever live. He was the “ultimate sinner” when He died.

That can not be true.

There could be no salvation if that were the case.

- a. John says Jesus was the perfect lamb.
- b. Isaiah says he was innocent.
- c. If Christ was not pure when He died He could not take away sin.
- d. Make no mistake, Christ DID NOT become a sinner when He died.
- e. He became the SIN SACRIFICE.

(Heb 9:14) *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

3. Christ’s righteousness is “draped” upon the elect. (Calvinism teaches)

“Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before His throne” –

Calvinistic words.

- We can not respond; we are not righteous.
- The Word does not change people, it takes a direct operation of the Holy Spirit.
- Calvinism teaches that we can not become righteous.
- The Holy Spirit has to literally, miraculously, direct us.
- We are not ever CLEAN, we are counted as clean.
- We are not righteous, and can never be righteous.

What does the Bible say?

(1 Jo 3:4) *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

(1 Jo 3:7) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Calvinism teaches that we are all sinners until we die. If you are fortunate enough to be elected by God, you still are not righteous, only “counted” as righteous. You must continue to have a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in order to keep Christ’s righteousness “draped” over you.

Calvinism teaches that “you can not work righteousness.” The Bible says we MUST work righteousness.

(Act 10:34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

(Act 10:35) But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

We are righteous when we do righteousness. ***(1 Jn 3:7)***
God’s commands are righteousness. ***(Psa. 119:172)***

The truth is that God continues to forgive as we continue to walk in the light. We continue to BE righteous as we DO righteousness.

The fact is:

1. Adam did not cause everyone to inherit sin.
2. Our sins were not imputed to Christ.
3. Christ’s righteousness is not imputed to us.

The Holy Spirit and Worship
Charles Leonard

The Woman at the Well

Joh 4:20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

Joh 4:21 *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

Joh 4:22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

Joh 4:23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

Joh 4:24 *God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.*

The Godhead is Mentioned Throughout the Bible.

(Gen 1:1) *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

(Gen 1:2) *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters*

vs 1 - God "Elohim" – Plural

(Gen 1:26) *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

The pronouns show that there are 3 personalities in Heaven at creation.

(Gen 3:22) *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

"One of US" – plural, showing the 3 personalities of the Godhead.

New Testament

The three are mentioned in these and other passages:

(Mat 28:19) *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

(Rom 15:30) *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in [your] prayers to God for me;*

(2 Co 13:14) *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, [be] with you all. Amen*

The apostles' relationship to the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit was to guide them (apostles) into all truth.

(Joh 14:26) *But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

(Joh 16:13) *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

All that we have today is a by-product of what was given by the Holy Spirit to the apostles.

God has given us all that we need in work and worship.

(2 Pe 1:3) *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

All that we need to know has been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in the Word of God.

How do we know how to worship today? _____

Worship Defined:

Showing respect, reverence, submissiveness, homage; paying divine honors to God

(Psa 95:1) *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

(Psa 95:2) *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

(Psa 95:3) *For the LORD [is] a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

(Psa 95:4) *In his hand [are] the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills [is] his also.*

(Psa 95:5) *The sea [is] his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry [land].*

(Psa 95:6) *O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.*

Man's response to God's revelation of Himself to man.

We are saying "God is worthy of worship."

We are acknowledging that we are the created in the hand of the Creator.

(Psa 103:1) *<[A Psalm] of David.> Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, [bless] his holy name.*

(Psa 111:1) *Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with [my] whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and [in] the congregation.*

We are to worship God with all of our being, completely.

We need to guard ourselves to ensure that we do not just "go through the motions."

It is possible for us to go to the assembly and never worship God.

2 Kinds of Incorrect Worship

Vain –

(Mar 7:7) *Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.*

Vain = empty, worthless, void

Ignorant –

(Joh 4:22) *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

God Seeks TRUE Worship.

What does the Holy Spirit reveal through the Word about worship?

1. God is the object of worship.

(Deu 6:4) *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD:*

(Deu 6:5) *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

(Mat 4:10) *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

2. The DAY of worship is the first day of the week.

In the Old Testament, they observed the Sabbath (**Exodus 20**) EVERY Sabbath.

Today we observe the First day of the week.

(Act 20:7) *And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*

(1 Co 16:2) *Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

(Rev 1:10) *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,*

“The Lord’s day” = The day He was raised from the dead (first day of the week)
The Day of Pentecost (first day of the week)
The day they came together to break bread (the first day of the week)

3. **We are not bound to worship in any ONE given location (Gerezim, Jerusalem).**

a. The place is not the important thing, the WAY is.

4. **The prescribed way is important.**

(Gen 4:1) *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*

(Gen 4:2) *And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

(Gen 4:3) *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.*

(Gen 4:4) *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

(Gen 4:5) *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

Why would God accept one and not the other?

(Heb 11:4) *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

How does one worship “by faith?”

(Rom 10:17) *So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

God told them HOW to worship. Abel obeyed, Cain did not. So God accepted Abel’s sacrifice and rejected Cain’s.

God tells us in the New Testament HOW to worship. We must worship how He says.

It must be in SPIRIT and in TRUTH.

(Psa 111:1) Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with [my] whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and [in] the congregation.

We must keep our MIND in the worship.

We worship physically (singing) and we worship mentally as well.

5. The 5 acts of worship

(Act 2:42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

In this verse we see 4 of the 5 acts of worship.

Doctrine = teaching/preaching

Fellowship = giving

Breaking bread = Lord's supper

Prayer

Singing is found in **Col 3:16** and in **Eph 5:19**.

When we do all five of these items, in Spirit and in Truth, it will improve our worship.

The Holy Spirit has told us HOW to worship God.

IN SPIRIT (MIND)

And in TRUTH (Action)

May we do what the Holy Spirit reveals to us in the Word of God and worship in spirit and in truth, with our heart and soul and mind.

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit *Charles Leonard*

3 different terms are used in discussing this issue:

1. The Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
2. The Unpardonable Sin
3. The Sin against the Holy Spirit

Blasphemy Defined:

We may not be able to fully understand everything that the Godhead does. But we can understand what has been revealed in the Bible about the Holy Spirit.

Some common views concerning this topic:

1. A person can still blaspheme the Holy Spirit today.
2. A person could blaspheme until Christ ascended.
3. A person must have the same circumstances as found in **Matt 12:31-32** in order to blaspheme the Holy Spirit.
4. The Pharisees did not really commit this sin, they were being severely warned.

3 types of sin:

1. Sin of which someone refuses to repent.
2. Sin that one has asked for forgiveness and has met the qualifications in order to obtain forgiveness.
3. “Sin unto death” – a sin that is not repented. One must repent or else all sin leads to death.

Is it possible to blaspheme people and things?

Acts 26:11

Act 26:11 *And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled [them] to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted [them] even unto strange cities.*

- He had the power to cause Christians to blaspheme.

1 Tim 1:13

1Ti 1:13 *Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief.*

- Jews were responsible for the Gentiles not obeying.

1 Tim 6:1

1 Ti 6:1 *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and [his] doctrine be not blasphemed.*

- We can act to cause God to be blasphemed today.

Titus 2:4-5

Tit 2:4 *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

Tit 2:5 *[To be] discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

The conclusion of these passages is that people and things can be blasphemed.

3 Passages That Deal With This Subject

Heb 6:4-6

Heb 6:4 *For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,*

Heb 6:5 *And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,*

Heb 6:6 *If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.*

- Those who became Christians were wanting to go back under Judaism. If they did that they could not receive forgiveness, for Christ had fulfilled that law.
- This only connects with the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit if one goes back into a life of sin and never comes out of it.
- They would have to not only disobey, but speak against the Holy Spirit.

Heb 10:26-27

Heb 10:26 *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

Heb 10:27 *But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*

- Willfully sinning - those who know something is wrong, but they continue to live, and dwell in that sin anyway.

1 John 5:16

1 Jo 5:16 *If any man see his brother sin a sin [which is] not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.*

- A sin unto death - any sin of which one does not repent.
- This is a spiritual death.

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Background to the “Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit”

Matt 12:22-23

Mat 12:22 *Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*

Mat 12:23 *And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?*

- Jesus performed a miracle and these Pharisees criticized Him for it.

Matt 12:24

Mat 12:24 *But when the Pharisees heard [it], they said, This [fellow] doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.*

- They said the only reason Jesus was able to do these miracles was because Beelzebub the prince of the devils allowed it.

Matt 12:32

Mat 12:32 *And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the [world] to come.*

- There would be no forgiveness either in the Jewish age (world) nor the world (age) to come (Christian age).
- The design of miracles was to cause belief.

John 20:30-31

Joh 20:30 *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:*

Joh 20:31 *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

How was Jesus performing those miracles?

Matt 12:28

Mat 12:28 *But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

- By the Spirit of God

Can we still blaspheme the Holy Ghost today?

There would need to be similar (miraculous) circumstances today as found in

Matt 12.

Jesus was telling these Pharisees how terrible it was to attribute the miraculous to the Devil, since the whole point to the miraculous was to convince people of the truth.

In Romans, Hebrews, and Galatians the Jewish/Christians were trying to leave Christianity to go into Judaism again. If they did they would forfeit the sacrifice of Jesus.

1 Pet 2:20-22

2 Pe 2:20 *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

2 Pe 2:21 *For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*

2 Pe 2:22 *But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

It is possible for us to put ourselves in a situation of leaving Christ and speaking against the Holy Spirit and thus blaspheming Him, by our never repenting of that which we have done.

However, if we are doing those things that are right, we will never blaspheme.

The Unity of the Spirit
Curtis Cates

(Eph 4:1) *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*

(Eph 4:2) *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

(Eph 4:3) *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

(Eph 4:4) *[There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

(Eph 4:5) *One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

(Eph 4:6) *One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.*

“I plead with you to walk worthy”

We **can** walk worthy.

(Rev 3:4) *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.*

(Rev 3:5) *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

(Rev 3:6) *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Because of God’s grace we can walk worthy.

“Walk with lowliness” – Have a humble attitude

We can not be united if we are pride filled.

Meekness – Power under control

Longsuffering – Being patient with one another

Jesus Does Not Like Division.

(Joh 17:20) *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

(Joh 17:21) *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

Denominationalism causes division.

(Joh 17:23) *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

“perfected into one”

We have to live according to the Word both individually and collectively.

When we obey the truth we become united with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the brethren.

Paul begged for unity.

(1 Co 1:10) *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

Ch.11 They were so filled with prejudice they could not even eat the Lord’s supper together.

One God

(1 Co 8:5) *For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,*

(1 Co 8:6) *But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him.*

In the world there are many lords and many gods.
But there is only ONE true God.

(Deu 6:4) *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD:*

(Deu 6:5) *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

God will not accept divided allegiance.

(Exo 20:3) *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

We love God supremely first, then others will follow naturally.

ONE
God

UNITY
Worship

(Joh 4:23) *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

(Joh 4:24) *God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.*

(Mat 4:10) *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

One Lord

ONE
Lord

UNITY
Authority

(1 Co 8:5) *For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,*

– Many Lords – but only one True Lord

(Mat 17:5) *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

Hear ye HIM.

(Heb 1:1) *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

(Heb 1:2) *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

(Act 3:22) *For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.*

(Act 3:23) *And it shall come to pass, [that] every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.*

When the authority is Christ, that will bring unity.

One Spirit

ONE
Spirit

UNITY
Life

(Joh 16:13) *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

(Rev 2:7) *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

(1 Jo 5:7) *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

(Rom 8:1) *[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

(Rom 8:2) *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

(Joh 6:63) *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life.*

Unity of Life = Spiritual Life – united in spiritual living

One Faith

ONE

Faith

UNITY

Message

(Jud 1:3) *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

(Rom 1:16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

(Gal 1:8) *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

(Rom 10:17) *So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

How we “get faith”

Everyone preaches the same thing= unity.

(1 Pe 4:11) *If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

(2 Jo 1:9) *Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

(2 Jo 1:10) *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed:*

(2 Jo 1:11) *For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

(1 Jo 4:1) *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

The Bereans studied (pulverized) the Scriptures to learn the truth.

(1 Co 1:10) *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

One Baptism

ONE
Baptism

UNITY
Practice

(Rom 6:4) *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

(Joh 19:34) *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.*

(Col 2:12) *Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

(Act 2:38) *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

(Act 8:36) *And as they went on [their] way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?*

(Act 8:37) *And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

(Act 8:38) *And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*

(Act 8:39) *And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.*

One Body

ONE
Body

UNITY
Organization

(1 Co 12:13) *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

(Rom 12:4) *For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:*

(Rom 12:5) *So we, [being] many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*

Our bodies have different members but we are still ONE body, and these members all work together for the good of the body.

(Col 1:18) *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.*

Christ is the head; the authority.

One Hope

ONE
Hope

UNITY
Desire

Hope is anchored to the mercy seat of Christ. As we hold on to that hope, the closer to the mercy seat we get.

(Heb 6:17) *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:*

(Heb 6:18) *That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*

(Heb 6:19) *Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*

(Tit 1:2) *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

(1 Jo 2:25) *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.*

<u>ONE</u>	<u>UNITY</u>
God	Worship
Lord	Authority
Spirit	Life
Faith	Message
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Hope	Desire

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Hope = Desire + Expectation.

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