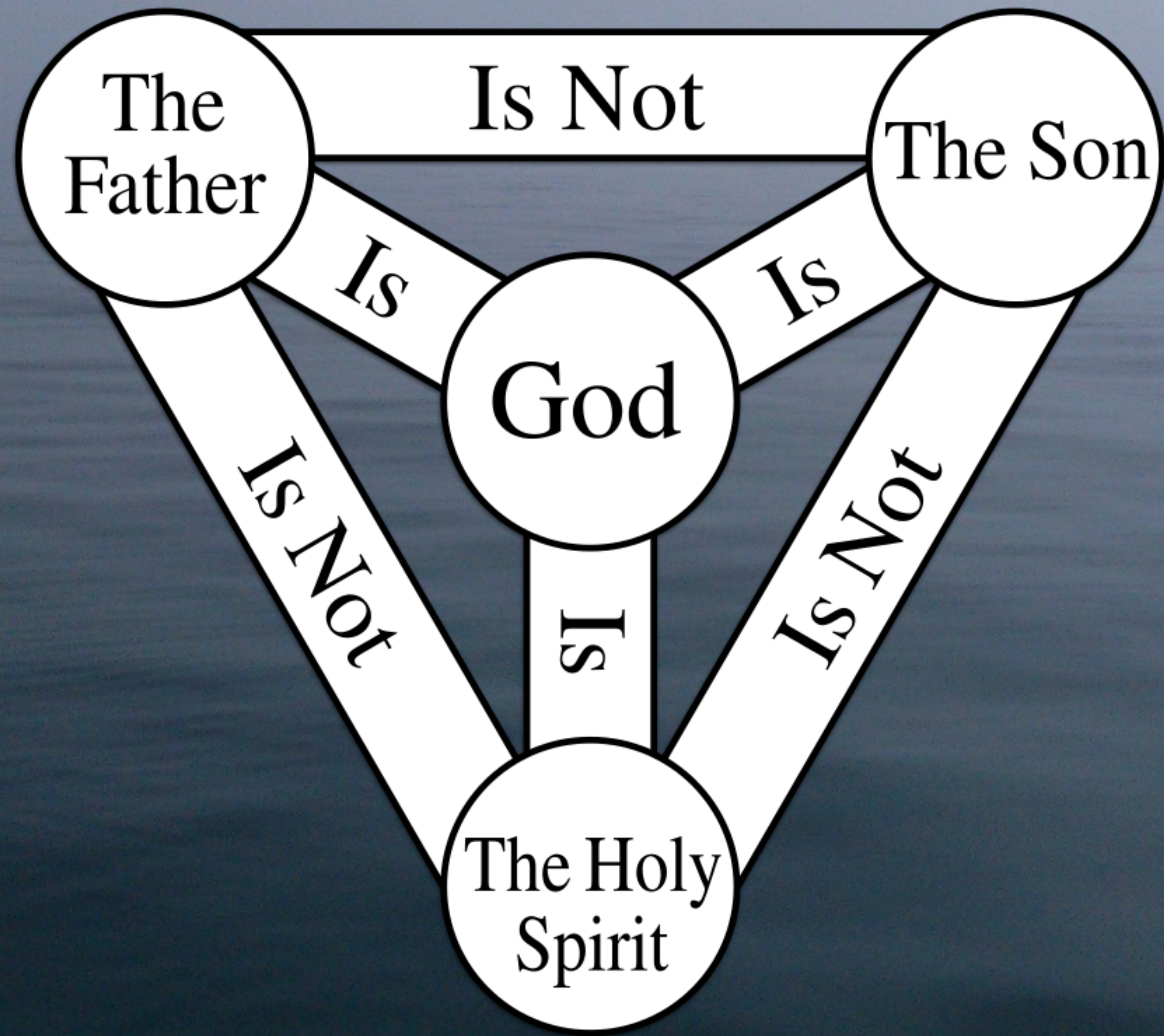


the Holy Spirit

HIS PERSON AND WORK



Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Job 26:13

“By His Spirit He adorned the heavens...”

1. The Holy Spirit “breathed out” Old Testament Scripture.

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...”

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never came by the will of man,
but holy men of God spoke as they were
moved by the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 10:15-17

But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” 17 then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

2. The Holy Spirit testified of the coming Christ.

1 Peter 1:10-12 ...the Spirit of Christ who was in them [prophets] was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow...

3. The Holy Spirit Empowered the Leaders of Israel.

“Theocratic anointing”

McCune: “This government was so unique that ordinary administrative and military skills were insufficient.”

3-a Moses and the 70 Elders

Numbers 11:16-17 So the Lord said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

3-b Joshua

Joshua 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just fas I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit [Spirit] of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

3-c Judges

McCune: “Of four of the judges, it is said expressly, ‘The Spirit of the Lord came upon him.’ These were Othniel (Judg 3:10), Gideon (Judg 6:34), Jephthah (Judg 11:29) and Samson (Judg 15:14, et al.).”

3-d Kings

1 Samuel 10:10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he [Saul] prophesied among them.

3-d Kings

1 Samuel 11:6-7 Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused. 7 So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen." And the fear of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

3-d Kings

1 Samuel 16:13-14 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

3-d Kings

Psalm 51:11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

3-e Prophets

Micah 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.

Ezekiel 2:2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.

3-e Prophets

McCune: “Elijah may have partaken of an extraordinary enduement of the Spirit when he ran the seventeen miles from Mount Carmel to Jezreel ahead of Ahab’s chariot and ahead of the gathering thunderstorm.”

3-e Prophets - Messiah

Isaiah 11:1-2 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 61:1-3 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor...

4. The Holy Spirit Enabled Special Duties.

“Occupational Indwelling”

McCune: “...an indwelling where certain persons were endowed by the Spirit for various ministries usually not of a specifically religious nature in behalf of the theocracy. “

“Occupational Indwelling”

Exodus 28:3 So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit [Spirit] of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

“Occupational Indwelling”

Exodus 31:1-3 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri,
the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have
filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in
understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of
workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in
gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting,
in carving wood, and to work in all manner of
workmanship.

5. The Holy Spirit regenerated believers in the old era, but He did not indwell them.

Nuance: He did not indwell them universally, normally or permanently. Indwelt OT believers were exceptional (not the norm). Further, their indwelling was different than NT indwelling (not permanent, not necessarily a benefit of salvation)

Evangelical Options

- All OT believers were regenerated AND indwelt.
- All OT believers were regeneration AND indwelt, but yet NT believers were indwelt in a greater way.
- All OT believers were regenerated but NOT indwelt.
- All OT believers were operated on by the Spirit, but NOT indwelt.
- All OT believers were not operated by the Spirit in the OT.

5. The Holy Spirit regenerated believers in the old era, but He did not indwell them.

Regeneration — John 3; Matthew 8:11

Indwelling — Numbers 11:29; John 8:37-39

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