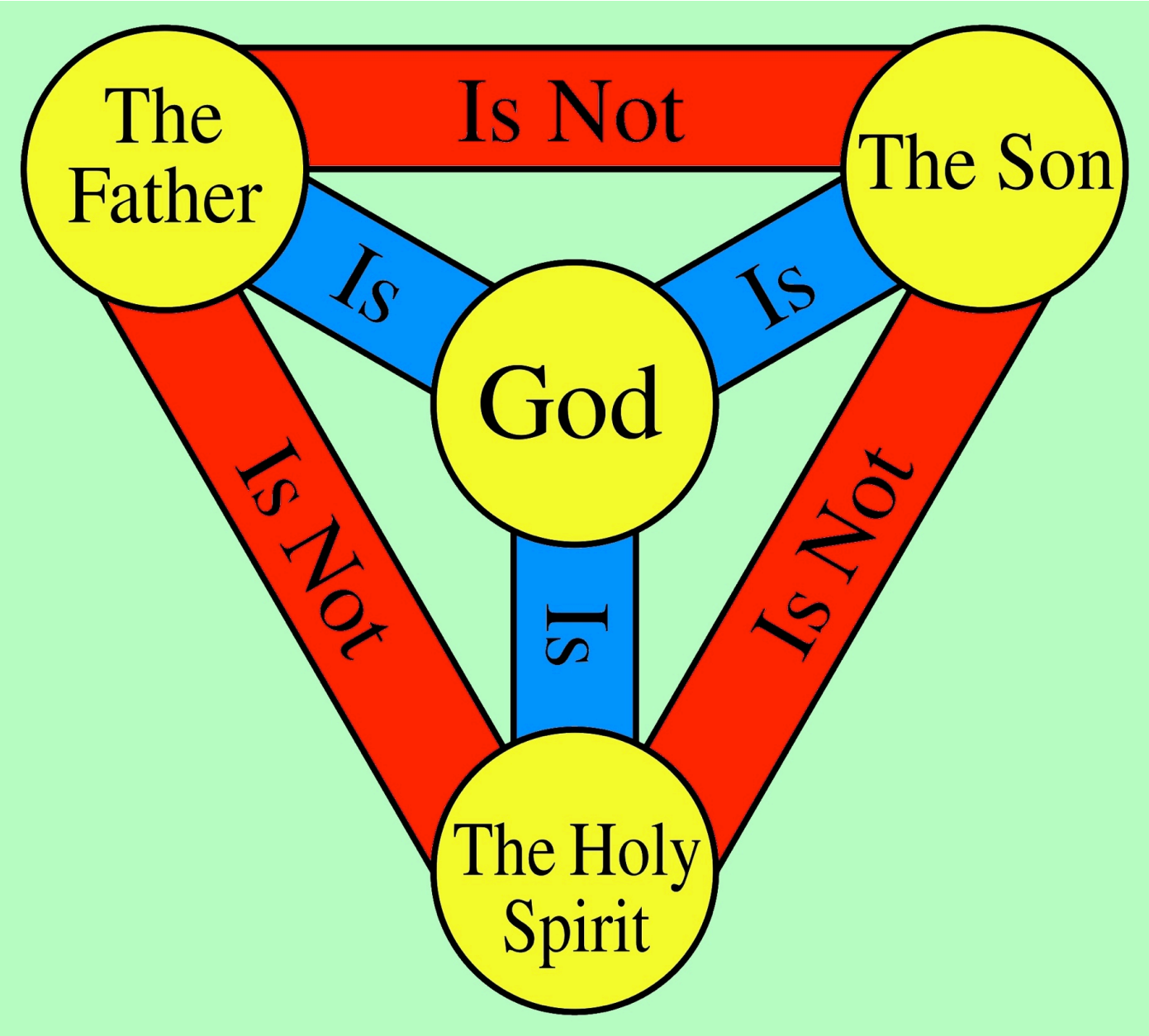


# The Holy Spirit

His Person and Work

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Person of Jesus and the Gospels



# Seven True Statements

1. *The Father is God.*
2. *The Son is God.*
3. *The Holy Spirit is God.*
4. *The Father is not the Son.*
5. *The Father is not the Holy Spirit.*
6. *The Son is not the Holy Spirit.*
7. *There is exactly one God.*

# Holy Spirit in the OT

1. *The Holy Spirit breathed out the Scriptures.*
2. *The Holy Spirit testified of the coming Christ.*
3. *The Holy Spirit empowered the leaders of Israel.*
4. *The Holy Spirit enabled special duties.*
5. *The Holy Spirit regenerated believers in the Old Testament, but He did not indwell them.*

# Questions

- *On whom did the Holy Spirit “work” in the Gospels?*
- *Why the virgin birth?*
- *How did the Holy Spirit interact with Jesus while he was on earth?*
- *What did Jesus say about the coming Holy Spirit?*

# The work of the Holy Spirit in the gospels was similar to the OT.

1. Only four people are defined as having the Holy Spirit in the gospel accounts.
  - John the Baptist - Luke 1:15
  - Elizabeth - Luke 1:41
  - Zacharias - Luke 1:67
  - Simeon - Luke 2:25
2. The disciples were promised the work of the Spirit in ministry. (Luke 12:12; John 20:22)

# The Holy Spirit is the Agent of the Virgin Birth (Matt 1:18-20; Luke 1:35)

1. The virgin birth demonstrated that salvation must come from God, not merely human effort.
2. The virgin birth made it possible for the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person.
3. The virgin birth makes possible Christ's humanity without inherited sin.
  - Prevented not only the inherited sin nature of Joseph, but miraculously the transmission of sin from Mary.



# The Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus.

1. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1,16; John 3:34; see also Isa 42:1-4).
2. Jesus's baptism marked the beginning of his public ministry (John 1:32-34).
3. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1).
4. Jesus's preaching was marked by the work of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:16; Matt 12:17-21; Acts 1:2).
5. Jesus's miracles are empowered by the Holy Spirit (Matt 12:28ff).

# The Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus.

6. Jesus's death was offered through the work of the Holy Spirit (Heb 9:14).
7. Jesus's resurrection was empowered by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11; see also John 11:35 and Acts 2:24).

# The promise of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples.

1. The Holy Spirit is promised exclusively to the followers of Jesus (John 14:16-17).
2. The Holy Spirit has specific tasks in the life of a disciple: (John 14:16, 25; 15:26; 16:7-15)
  - He will indwell permanently.
  - He will provide help and comfort.
  - He will teach Christ-centered truth.
  - He will be the agent of conviction to the world.

# The Prosecutor/Convictor

“In these verses, however, I believe the meaning of the verb (convict) is even more focused so as to suggest something akin to a courtroom procedure. It is a fascinating picture in which one can imagine three elements of the procedure being presented. The first appears to be like a charge for which the defendant has been indicted. The second can be envisioned as the standard to which the defendant is required to conform, and the third can be viewed as the rationale the presiding judge uses to render the verdict.” (Gerald L. Borchert)



