

Intro:

- A. I want to begin a series on the Person of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, not an: “it,” apparition, spooky, after thought, not subordinate, gifts of the Spirit did not stop with the early apostles in the NT. His Presence is in the room today.
 - 2. There is evidence of Spirit infilling/indwelling/baptism in Acts 1—Tongues. He helps us to pray according to Romans 8.
 - 3. There is fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- B. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person, not in order or importance, but the 3rd Person of the Trinity; as we believe in one God eternally existing the three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. We see all Persons of the Trinity present in Scripture:
 - a. Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:22, and John 1:29-34
 - b. *“21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”* Luke 3:21-22 (NKJV)
 - 1. God the Father speaks from heaven, “My beloved Son...”
 - 2. Jesus, the Son of God, in the water baptized by John...
 - 3. The Spirit descending like/in bodily form of a dove...
 - 2. We see the Spirit active in the Old Testament not the New Testament only.
 - a. At the beginning Genesis 1:1-2, *“1 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.”*
 - b. The Spirit of God would come upon people in the OT.
 - 1. Amasai—chief of the captains (I Chronicles 12:18)
 - 2. Moses—“Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him...(Numbers 11:25)
 - 3. Balaam—Numbers 24:2
 - 4. Othniel—Judges 3:9-10
 - 5. Gideon—Judges 6:34
 - 6. Jephtah—Junges 11:29
 - 7. Samson—Judges 14:6 and 15:14
 - 8. Saul—I Sammuel 10
 - 9. Azariah—2 Chronicles 15:1
 - 10. Zechariah—2 Chronicles 24:20
 - 11. Jehaziel—2 Chronicles 20:14
 - 12. Ezekiel—Ezekiel 37:1
 - 13. David—I Samuel 16:13

I. Spirit in the OT

- A. Hebrew (language of the OT)—Ruah/Ruach—Spirit (capital S), spirit, wind, breath, side, mind, blast, air; He is that life-giving and refreshing air and wind who comes along side of us.
- B. He is present at creation hovering over the face of the waters...

II. Spirit in the NT

- A. Greek New Testament—Pneuma—Spirit (capital S), Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, of Christ.
- B. We are a full gospel church and we affirm that Jesus is: Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, Holy Ghost Baptizer, and sound coming King.

III. Jesus and the Holy Spirit (the living water...)

- A. John 14:15-18, “15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”
1. Parakletos—Comforter, Helper, called/summoned to one’s side, called to your aid, advocate, pleads your case before the Judge, He is an intercessor...
 2. The Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom.
- B. John 14:25-27, “25 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
- C. John 15:26-27, “26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”
- D. John 16:5-14, “5 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.”
- E. Acts 1:4-5, “4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- F. Acts 1:8, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- G. Matthew 4:1 and Luke 4:1, Jesus was led by the Spirit but led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- H. The Apostles/Disciples were commissioned in John 20:21-23, “21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.” Also see Luke 24:36-43 and I Corinthians 15:5)

Conclusion:

Are we willing to let the Spirit of God minister to us, His people, as He: comforts us, comes to our side, pleads for us, intercedes for us, leads us into all truth, reminds us of Jesus’ words and truth, strength, pray through us, pray for us, understanding Scriptures are Spirit-inspired and God-breathed, help you in trouble and trials, clothe you with power, immerse you...

