

THE PERSON AND PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT

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Jesus gives the Person and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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The Spirit is a Person not a force

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- **He has emotions** (Ephesians 4:30)
- **He has desires and a will** (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- **He does the actions of a person** (1 Corinthians 2:10; Revelation 2:7)

The Spirit is God and not less

- **He is equated with God** (Acts 5:3-4)
- **He is eternal** (Hebrews 9:14)
- **He is holy** (Romans 1:4)
- **He is all-knowing** (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- **He is all-present** (Psalm 139:7-8)

“We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.”
(Athanasian Creed)

The presence of the Spirit in your life means:

God dwells in your every space

You take God to your every place

Discussion Guide

Open Up

- What would it be like for you if Jesus were still on earth and a part of your friend group? What sort of things might you talk about with him?
- How do you think people who do not follow Jesus understand the Holy Spirit to be?
- How would you describe the Trinity to someone who does not follow Jesus?

Dig In

- What is the most important characteristic of the Holy Spirit as a person for you?
- How can you describe the presence of the Holy Spirit?
- **Read** the following passages. What is the characteristic of the Holy Spirit that each passage describes belonging only to God: Heb 9:14; Rom 1:4; 1 Cor 2:10, Zech 4:6.
- Which of the above characteristics also apply to God the Father? How many apply to Jesus?

Live Out

- What percentage of your day would you say you live out with an awareness of the Person and presence of the Holy Spirit?
- List two practical things you plan to do this week to actively participate with the Spirit's presence in your life?
- Name the space God has placed you in order that the presence of God might be there through you?
- What might you do different this week now that you know this?
- **PRAY** for the Spirit to make his presence more real to you this week.
- **PRAY** for someone you know who needs to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their life.

What is Jesus saying to you? • What is your next step?

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