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THE PERSON AND WORKS OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

CONVERSATION GUIDE

The Trinity is an often-misunderstood characteristic of God, especially when it comes to the Third Person of the Godhead – the Holy Spirit. Some view the Holy Spirit as a third god. Others, a force instead of a person. In this series, we will discuss who He is, what His mission is, and why He can and should be worshipped.

EPISODE 01: THE LORD IS ONE

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Before we embark on a discussion about the various roles of the Holy Spirit, we must first determine who He is. The mystery surrounding the nature of God may be unfathomable, but not entirely incomprehensible, meaning, we can understand who God is and still be awed by His transcendence.

QUESTIONS

- What is the Christian definition of the Trinity? (Note: Wayne Grudem's definition "God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God." – Systematic Theology p. 226)
- Is the doctrine of the Trinity biblical, or is it a man-made construct? What is the biblical basis for the Triune God? Is it only seen in the New Testament, or do the Old Testament texts indicate the triune nature of God as well?

- In certain religious circles, the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost is not so much a person as much as an inspiration or an influence. In doctrine statements the Holy Ghost is referred to as an “it” that can be received through baptism. How does this view differ from orthodox Christianity?
- One only has to do a quick Bible search to find “one God” verses, and then “Trinitarian” verses. If the bible is the word of God, and if God is perfect and cannot contradict Himself, what are we to make of these passages?
- If the Holy Spirit is, indeed, God, then what are His attributes? How are we to address Him?
- In the last 80 years or so, American Christians have placed a greater emphasis on the Holy Spirit. Is this bad? Is it wrong to worship the Holy Spirit (He is God, after all!) When does this worship become ill-informed?
- Jesus, who is God the Son, stated repeatedly that he came to seek and to save the lost. In other words, Jesus saved us from our sins (those who believe.) As a quick introduction, what are some of the ministries of the Holy Spirit?
- How do we know if the Holy Spirit is working those things in us?

SPRINGBOARD VERSE

John 15:26-27 ESV

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.