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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 02: SHOW US WHERE

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Yesterday, we discussed the one-ness of God and the triune personhood of the Holy Spirit, as seen through the lens of God's word, the Bible. Today, we will focus on four examples of His work in the redemption story and dispel some inaccurate doctrines prevalent in the world today.

QUESTIONS

- Before we begin, let's quickly define the person of the Holy Spirit. Briefly, how do Christians come up with the doctrine of the Trinity and still say that there is only one God? (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)

- There are a great number of Holy Spirit “appearances” in the Bible, and today we’ll focus on only a few just to understand Him better. Let’s start with the creation account. Where is He? How is He involved?
- Fast forward a few thousand years, and we find King David in a world of hurt. He was called out for having an adulterous affair with Bathsheba, and he’s worried about losing the presence of God. Why would he be worried? How does verses 10 and 11 show us the beauty of cooperating with the Spirit of God? What other places may we see the Holy Spirit working in David’s lifetime?
- How was the Holy Spirit involved in the first advent of Jesus? (Matt. 1:20)
- Now, to the New Testament/Covenant: Where do we see the Holy Spirit at work in the advancement of the church? (Acts 2:38)
- Can we know for certain that the Holy Spirit works in us today? Christians will say that once you believe in Jesus/place your trust in Jesus, we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Can you back that up biblically? Do we get a little of the Holy Spirit? Do we “get” the Holy Spirit by the works of others (i.e. laying on of hands)?

SPRINGBOARD VERSES

Acts 7:51 ESV “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

Genesis 1:2 ESV The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Psalms 51:11 ESV Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Acts 2:28 ESV And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit