

The Holy Spirit

I. Introduction: The Confusion Surrounding the Holy Spirit

- Contemporary misunderstanding of the Holy Spirit
- Many would never blaspheme the Father or the Son but diminish the Spirit
- Foundational affirmation: The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead

II. Mystery, Revelation, and Knowability

- Plurality in unity: beyond reason, not against reason
- Not paradox or contradiction
- Known through illumination and revelation

III. The Holy Spirit as Person and God

- He is a Person
- He is God
- He is active

IV. The Holy Spirit and the Doctrine of the Trinity

- Trinitarian foundation (Matt 28:19; Titus 3:4–6; 1 Pet 4:14)
- Ontological Trinity: co-equal, co-eternal
- Economic Trinity: distinct operations in history

V. Personal Distinctions Within the Trinity

- Father: unbegotten
- Son: eternally begotten

- Spirit: proceeds from Father and Son

VI. Why the Holy Spirit Is More Difficult to Grasp

- No embodiment or familial title
- Often misunderstood or neglected

VII. The Holy Spirit as a Distinct Divine Person

- Possesses intellect, emotion, will, and action

VIII. Biblical Evidence for Personhood and Deity

- Called God (Acts 5:3–4)
- Omniscient (1 Cor 2:10–11)
- Omnipresent (Ps 139:7–12)
- Creator (Gen 1:2)
- Redeemer (John 3:5–6; Rom 8:9–17)

IX. Eternal Relations and Procession

- Eternal communion within the Godhead
- John 1:1 – relational presence (pros)

X. Pentecost and Indwelling

- Spirit poured out on believers (initially @ Pentecost and the extensions in Acts)
- Receiving the Spirit is receiving Christ (the believers' Pentecost)