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Title: The God Connection, pt-1

Purpose: Declare who the Holy Spirit is and provoke people to apply what Jesus said about Him.

Truth for Today: The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God on earth and in the life of the believer.

Text: Mark 1: 9-11

Topic: Holy Spirit, God, Trinity,

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### I. Burn mortgage

### II. **Pic** Love Methodist Church, my spiritual heritage. Julia Guy and Robert Flynn; KZ

### III. Introduction

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B. Series Purpose: Provoke people to (1) Develop a vital relationship with the Holy Spirit, (2) Allow Him to work in us, (3) Have faith to let Him work through us supernaturally using spiritual gifts. We'll use the Book of Acts as a model for us to embrace the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

C. Today: Who is the Holy Spirit and what did Jesus say about Him?

### IV. Who is the Holy Spirit? (Basic, foundational theology in Christianity)

A. **[Mark 1:9-11 (NLT)]**...John baptized him (*Jesus*) in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> As **Jesus** came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the **Holy Spirit** descending on him (*toward Him or into Him*) like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And **a voice from heaven** said, "**You are my dearly loved Son**, and you bring me great joy." **Pic**

1. They saw Jesus, a manifestation of the Holy Spirit and heard the voice of God the Father. The Bible teaches there is one God, monotheism, but He reveals or manifests Himself in 3 distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, i.e., The Trinity. Hard to understand how 3 can be 1. E.g., H<sub>2</sub>O can be a solid/ ice, liquid/ water or gas/ steam depending on temperature.

2. At the moment, Jesus, God the Son, is seated at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven and God the Holy Spirit is Omnipresent Def.; Present in all places at the same time.<sup>3</sup> He is everywhere all at once. **[Psalm 139:7 (NLT) I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!]** I.e., wherever I am, the Holy Spirit is there. As God He has the capacity to live inside every believer, inhabit gatherings of His people and be everywhere in the universe

3. What other names is the Holy Spirit called in Scripture? The Spirit of God, Spirit of Jesus, Holy Ghost, The Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, Helper, God's Spirit, The Spirit of your Father, Spirit of grace and the Spirit of the Lord.

### V. **What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit?** (Practical life applications)

A. Nicodemus, **[John 3:3-6 (NLT)]** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **unless you are born again, (spiritual rebirth) you cannot see the Kingdom of God.**"...<sup>6</sup>...**the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life...**]

1. Life App. #1: The Holy Spirit causes people to be born again, i.e., experience a spiritual rebirth. Salvation is more than a rational choice. It is the result of the Holy Spirit revealing God to us, convicting us of sin and our need for God and leading us to repent. [John 6:44 (NLT) For **no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me...**] [John 6:63 (NLT) **The Spirit alone gives eternal life.** Human effort accomplishes nothing...]
  2. Life App #2: When we are saved, God the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. [Eph. 1:13 (NLT)...**when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit (ESV sealed with the Holy Spirit) ...**] [1 Cor. 6:19 (NLT)...**your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you...**] When we are saved/ born again, the Holy Spirit resides in us and influences us.
- B. John 16:7 (ESV)...**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 go, **I will send him to you.** (*ANT the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) ...*] *to be in close fellowship with you*]. (Gk. paraclete, Advocate, God's representative, the abiding Presence of Jesus.<sup>4</sup>)
1. Life App. #3: The Holy Spirit is God's Presence with us, comforting, helping, giving hope, strength, and praying for us. E.g. Chris Kennedy text re. Del's death. "How are you doing?" I'm ok, the Lord promised to hold me up and protect me; and He is holding true to His word."
- C. John 16: 8-13 (ESV) **And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment...**<sup>13</sup> **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...**]
1. Life App. #4: The Holy Spirit convicts people of their need for God and reveals God's truth to them. E.g., Pers. testimony. 19, something missing, Gideon.
  2. Conviction is not the same as conversion but is necessary to it. Conviction means to expose facts, to convince of the truth. The Spirit works on the minds and hearts of the unsaved to show them the truth of God.<sup>1</sup>
- D. [Mt. 22:43 (NLT) Jesus responded, "Then why does David, speaking under the **inspiration of the Spirit (Ps. 110:1)**, call the Messiah 'my Lord'?...] Jesus is saying specifically this Scripture was inspired and generally affirming all Scripture is inspired by God.] [2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)...**you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,** <sup>21</sup>...**No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.**]
1. Life App. #5: The Holy Spirit inspired men to write down God's Words in the Bible. Jesus affirmed dozens of times the Scriptures are true and trustworthy and reveal the truth about God and His ways, people and the world.
- E. Mt. 10:19-20 (NLT) When you are arrested, don't worry about...what to say. **God will give you the right words at the right time.** <sup>20</sup> **For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**
1. Life App. #6: Jesus assures believers the Holy Spirit will speak to us and through us at opportune times. Me Ms. dinner people complaining about getting old; I asked them why do people die? ...to show us why we need God.

F. **John 7:37–39 (NLT)** On the last day...of the festival, Jesus...shouted to the crowds, “**Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!**”<sup>38</sup> Anyone who **believes in me** may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”<sup>39</sup> (When he said “living water,” **he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him...**]

1. Water is used metaphorically as a thirst/ desire for God. Life App. #7: Only the Holy Spirit can satisfy the spiritual thirst people have for God. Other religions are spiritual counterfeits and sometimes demonically inspired. This ‘God- shaped hole’ in our hearts won’t be filled by money, pleasure, things, sex, education, success, trophies, etc. Only the 1 true God can fill this hole by the Holy Spirit.

VI. Conclusion: Life App. #8: The Holy Spirit is the source of supernatural ability and spiritual power in a believer.

A. **Acts 1:8 (NLT)** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...] The Holy Spirit gives believers supernatural power to reach people for Jesus and help people through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1. Is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit possible today like it was in the Book of Acts? Can miracles happen? Are the gifts of the Holy Spirit available today? I believe they are and in future messages we’ll see what the Holy Spirit did in the early church and have faith He will do it today in and through us.

VII. Response

- A. Prayer: I want everything Jesus promised about the Holy Spirit in my life.
- B. Souls: Born again, experience a spiritual rebirth by believing in Jesus and following Him.

VIII. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.

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IX. Supplemental Material

- A. Romans 8:11 (NLT) **The Spirit of God**, who raised Jesus from the dead, **lives in you**. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.
- B. Luke 11:9–13 (NLT) “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds.

- And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! <sup>13</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will **your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.**”
- C. John 20:19–23 (ESV) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.**” <sup>22</sup> **And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.** <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”
- D. Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always,** to the end of the age.”
- E. Romans 8:9 (ESV) **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**
- F. Conviction is not the same as conversion but is necessary to it. The words “convict ... of guilt” translate the one word *elenxei*, “to present or expose facts, to convince of the truth.” The Spirit works on the minds of the unsaved to show them the truth of God for what it is.<sup>1</sup>
- G. John 14:16–17 (NLT)...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Advocate, (ESV Helper) who will never leave you.** <sup>17</sup> He is the **Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.** The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. **But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.**
- H. Matthew 4:1 (NLT) Then **Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness** to be tempted there by the devil.
- I. Matthew 12:28 (ESV) **But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons,** then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- J. “denotes *constant* residence and influence: the immediate operation of the third trinitarian person upon the human soul, implying the action of spirit upon spirit” <sup>2</sup>
- K. John 14:12 (ESV) “Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do,** because I am going to the Father.
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- M. Luke 24:49 (NLT) “And now **I will send the Holy Spirit...But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.**”

- N. [ Luke 4:16–21 (NLT) (*Jesus*) went...to the synagogue...to read the **Scriptures**.<sup>17</sup> The **scroll of Isaiah the prophet** was handed to him...(Is.61:1-2)<sup>18</sup> “**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free...<sup>21</sup> Then he began to speak to them. “**The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!**”]
- O. [Isaiah 11:2 (NLT) And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him (*Jesus the Messiah*) the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.]
- P. Luke 12: 12 (NLT) for **the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.**”]