

## Living Out the Resurrection Life

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### Who Is the Holy Spirit and How Does He Relate to Us?

#### A. The Holy Spirit is God!

He is the eternal third person of the Triune God, a community of interactive relationships of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, existing before creation and being involved in creation and sustaining of the universe. Gen1:2, 26, note the plural, “us”.

- He is Holy- It is how he is known, in his name and his nature. Romans 1:4, the Spirit of Holiness. Totally pure, perfect in character, absolute in moral integrity, totally set apart from sin.
- He is present everywhere, all the time, you cannot be separate from his presence! Ps 139:7-10; Hb 13:5
- He knowledge is limitless! Is 40:12-14 He is the most intelligent being in the universe!
- He is all powerful – Ps 19:1, the Heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands! Rom 1:20; Ps 33:6,9

#### B. He is a Personal Being without a physical body

The Holy Spirit is not an “it”, a “force”, but a person, referred to in Scripture using personal pronouns, he, him. To be a person one must possess:

- Intellect, Is 11:2; Rom 8:27; 1Cor 2:10-11, Science can’t touch all God knows!
- Emotions, Rom 8:26-27, 15:30; Eph 4:30, show that the Holy Spirit has emotions, feels!
- Will, 1Cor 12:11; Ac 13:2, 4; Rom 8:5, The Holy Spirit has desires, and chooses to act.

#### Questions?

What is new to you? How does this change how you see or understand God the Holy Spirit?

#### C. How the Holy Spirit Relates to Us

1. He relates to us personally:

- He speaks to us, Ac 8:29, 20:23; 1Ki 19:11-12, a gentle whisper is his usual way.
- He desires to fellowship with us, 2Cor 13:14; Phil 2:1. How will you respond to him?
- He is our strengthener, Jn 14:16 and encourager, Ac 9:31.
- He intercedes for us, he prays to God for us when there are no words deep enough.  
Rom 8:27

2. He Has a Mission

As a part of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the active arm of God now at work in us and the world around us. His mission or purpose includes:

- He was sent to convict the World of sin and lead us into all the Truth. Jn 16:8
- God sent the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ by guiding us to Jesus, the truth. Jn 16:12-15
- The Holy Spirit was sent to indwell and empower followers of Christ. Rom 8:11; Ac 1:8

### **Questions?**

Does your relationship with the Spirit of God reflect how he wants to relate to you?  
In what of the ways above do you desire to relate more to God?

### **3. We Know He is God by How He Works in Us and Through Us:**

#### **Saving Us**

- Regeneration from death to life, giving spiritual birth and life to our spirit. Jn 3:5-6
- Baptizing - immersing us in the Trinity and identifying us as God's child. 1Cor 12: 13
- Sealing and guaranteeing our relationship with God for eternity. Eph 1:13; 2Cor 5:5
- Confirming we are his by testifying to our human spirit that we are his. Rom 8:16
- Indwelling us, making God's home in our body - bringing new life to us. Rom 8:11

#### **Transforming Us**

- The Holy Spirit has the power to transform us into the image of Christ! 2Cor 3:17-18
- He sanctifies - makes us holy, as we live in obedience to God. 2Th 2:13; 1Pt 1:1-2
- He convicts and corrects us of when we sin/disobey God. Jn 16:8-11
- He produces spiritual fruit- his character in our lives. Gal 5:22-23

#### **Guiding Us**

- Enlightening us to know God and what he has called us to by his power. Eph 1:17-18
- Revealing, searching and bringing understanding to spiritual realities. 1Cor 2:9-13
- Teaching us and then reminding us of what Christ taught and lived. Jn 14:26
- Guiding and leading us in truth and life. Jn 16:13; Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18
- Commanding, directing us in the way to live in the world around us. Ac 8:29, 16:7

#### **Empowering Us**

- He gives us His power that enables us to be his witnesses by word and actions. Ac 1:8, 4:13, 31
- He fills us - controls and empowers our life as we yield our control to him. Eph 5:18
- He is our Strengthener and source of power in our inner being: Jn 14:16; Eph 3:16-21
- He gives spiritual gifts to each of us and empowers us to serve others. 1Cor 12:4,11

### **Questions?**

What is God saying to you in this? What stands out to you?

How Do You Respond and Relate to A God like This? Does your life show the Holy Spirit's working in you? Through you?

Next week we will look at how we relate to the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Recommended Scripture to read about the Holy Spirit: John 14-16; Romans 8; Galatians; Ephesians