

# The Holy Spirit

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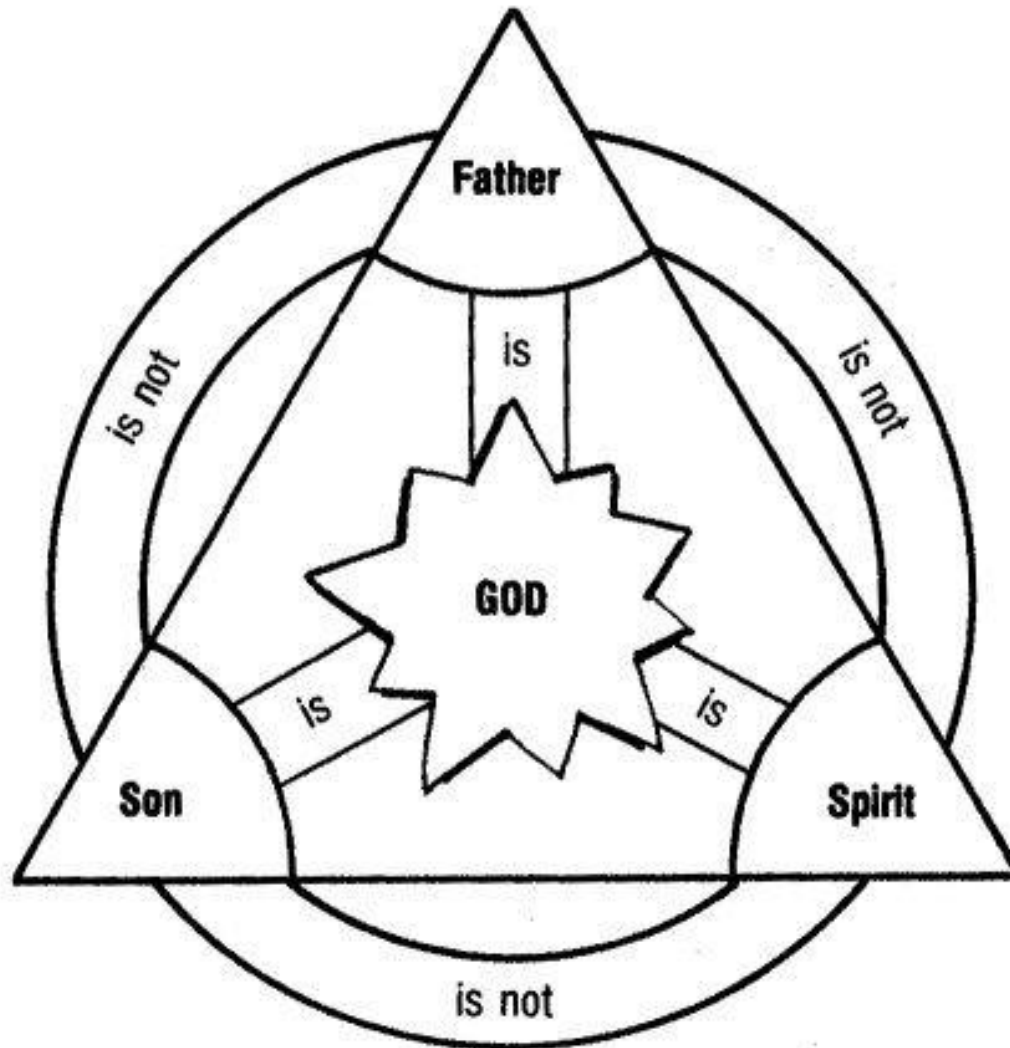
# Last Time...

The Holy Trinity  
Who is the Holy Spirit?

# The Holy Trinity

1. Three divine Persons who are **ONE** God, not three gods
2. The three Persons are equal in being, power, and glory.
3. Each called God, each possess all the divine attributes, and each perform divine works.
4. No one Person acts independently of the other. They are always working together.

# The Holy Trinity \*



# **The Holy Spirit -** **Who is He? \***

- He is God
- Names and titles
- Symbols

# The Holy Spirit

What's His purpose?  
Why Do We Need Him?  
How Do We Keep Him?

# Intro\*

## Acts 1:4-6

And being assembled together with them [Disciples], He [Jesus] commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said,

“you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**Why did Jesus command His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit?**

## Context - Book of Acts \*

The “Acts of the Holy Spirit” written by Luke as a continuation of the Gospel of Luke

The Holy Spirit is referred to >50x in this one book, specifically

- Baptism with the Holy Spirit
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit
- Being led by the Holy Spirit

Primary textbook for the study of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit



# What Are the Main Purposes of the Holy Spirit? \*

- Convict
- Baptize
- Rebirth
- Power
- Victory
- Glorify
- Intercessory Prayer
- Guide
- Identity
- Obedience
- Indwell
- Gift Giver



# What Are the Main Purposes of the Holy Spirit?

- Convict - John 16:8
- Guides - John 16:13
- Glorify Jesus Christ - John 16:14-15; John 15:26
- Identity - Ephesians 1:13-14; Eph 4:30
- Obedience - Romans 6:3; Romans 8:6-8; Ezekiel 36:27
- Rebirth - John 3:6-8; Romans 8:2
- Baptizes - Matt 28:18-20
- Power - Acts 1:8; Acts 2:2-4; Joel 2:28-32
- Victory - Galatians 5:16
- Intercessory Prayer - Jude 1:20; Psalm 66:18
- Indwells - Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 6:19, Romans 8:9
- Gift giver - Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 1 Peter 4:10–11; Ephesians 4:12-16
- Wisdom - 1 Corinthians 2:10–13

# 1. Convict \*

## **John 16:5-15**

5 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me ... Nevertheless I tell you the truth. 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 depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin**, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**What’s the remedy to sin, righteousness, and judgement?**

## **Acts 2:38-39**

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

## 2. Power\*

### **Acts 1:8**

8 But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you

### **Acts 2:4**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak** with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance

### **Acts 2:36-39**

**36** “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

## “Cut To The Heart” \*

“Cut to the heart” - direct Greek translation "severely troubled and made sorrowful.”

Peter provides an example that the Holy Spirit is able to cut people to their heart with His words, and that

1. No one is “too hard of a case” or “too far gone” to be transformed by the life changing news of the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit
2. It is never too late for change to take place by God’s will
3. We will be expected to share the Gospel in the face of ridicule and even persecution/rejection

## “Cut To The Heart”

In contrast, the account of the Martyr Stephen address to the council of the religious leaders of Israel in Acts chapter 7.

### **Acts 7:54**

When they heard these things they were **cut to the heart**, and they gnashed at him with their teeth

Those who heard Stephen's message were also "cut to the heart." But in the Greek the words are different from Acts Chapter 2.

Here, the direct Greek translation is "sawn asunder mentally or infuriated." Stephen's words evoked a state of mind in which they refused to listen to him.

There are only two responses to the Gospel of Christ:

Ready acceptance or stiff-necked rejection.

**Which side are you on?**

# Signs of Holy Spirit Power \*

## Acts 2:41-47

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand** souls were added to them“**42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Then **fear** came upon every soul, and many **wonders and signs** were done through the apostles. **44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. **46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people.

**And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**

# Power in Persecution \*

## Acts 4:1-4

4 Now as they [Disciples] spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about **five thousand**.



## 3. Prayer \*

### **Acts 1:14**

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to **prayer**, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

### **Acts 4:31**

31 And when they had **prayed**, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

### **Acts 6:1-8**

3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to **prayer** and to the ministry of the word.”

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and ... whom they set before the apostles; and when they had **prayed**, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of [b]faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

## 4. Truth

**Acts 8:29-30, 34-35**

**29 Then the Spirit said to Philip,** “Go near and overtake this chariot.” **30** So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

## **4. Truth \***

### **1 Corinthians 10-13**

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

# **Why Do We Need The Holy Spirit? \***

**Matthew 26:41**

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”

## **The Need of New Life \***

1. Food
2. Fellowship
3. Exercise
4. Atmosphere

# Holy Spirit - Sin \*

## **Acts 5:1-4**

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?

**You have not lied to men but to God."**

# Holy Spirit - Sin

1. Grieve
2. Quench
3. Lie
4. Tempt
5. Resist

# Holy Spirit - Sin

## **Ephesians 4:30 - Grieve**

“All these sin grieve the Holy Spirit: heat, passion, worry, anxiety, envy, jealousy, bitterness, pride, hatred, malice, grudge bearing, bitterness, wrath, anger, temper, covetousness, lust, impurity, gossip, criticism, back-biting, spite, and unforgiveness”

## **1 Thess 5:19 - Quench**

The more we ignore Him, the less and less His influence, until at last His voice is scarcely heard



# Holy Spirit - Sin

## **Acts 5:3 - Lie to the Holy Spirit**

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself?”

## **Acts 5:9 - Tempt Him**

Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.”

## **Acts 7:51 - Resist Him**

“*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.



## Questions You Must Answer \*

- Am I committing any known sin?
- Am I living in obedience to God's Will?
- Am I spending time each day in prayer?
- Am I a diligent student of God's word?
- Am I confessing Christ publicly?
- Am I giving generously as God blesses me?
- Am I doing something definite for the Lord Jesus Christ?