

Huddle

The Third Person - What? Continued November 10, 2013

Previously, we discussed the “who” of the Holy Spirit. He is not an energy, a force, or even just an influence. As A.W. Tozer said “Spell this out in capital letters: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON.” Jesus constantly and consistently refers to the Holy Spirit as “He”.

John 14:15-18, 25-27 and John 16:7 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.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. NKJV

Stanley Horton in "What the Bible says about the Holy Spirit" - As Jesus came to declare (explain, reveal, interpret, make known, unfold the nature and will of) the Father, so the Holy Spirit comes to explain, reveal, interpret, make known, unfold the nature and will of Jesus.

The ‘What’ of the Third Person, the Holy Spirit:

1. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8) And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me]; 10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer; 11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him. AMP

Why is it important is it for us to respond quickly to this convincing, convicting, and reproofing work of the HS?

2. He guides us into all truth (John 16:13)

HE will reveal, illuminate, the inspired truth of the Word to us.

Our responsibility is to humble ourselves before his sovereign authority, to determine not to quench him, but to allow him his freedom. For then our churches will again manifest those marks of the Spirit's presence which many young people are especially looking for, namely biblical teaching, loving fellowship, living worship, and an ongoing, outgoing evangelism. John R. W. Stott

A Reminder—“The Holy Spirit is God at work—creating, speaking, transforming us, living within us, working in us.” Michael Morrison

The "what" (purpose) of the Holy Spirit is often clearly described in His many names throughout the Bible: Comforter, Teacher, Advocate, Helper, Counselor, Intercessor, Strengthener, Paraclete, Standby, and more.

Which one of these names most often defines the place the Holy Spirit has occupied in your life? Why do you say this? Examples? God Moments? Places and Times?

“Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” - Corrie Ten Boom

Why do we often attempt to “do the Lord’s work in our own strength?” How can His ministry “just flow out of us” as described in the quote?

Let’s Get Real!

The Spirit inspired or "God-breathed word" theopneustos (teh-op'-nyoo-stos); divinely breathed in: **2 Peter 1:20-21** **Lies, untruths some Christians can tend to believe:**

- A. Church doesn't really matter **Hebrews 10:25**
 - B. God doesn't care about the little things.
 - C. God really just wants us to be happy. **Psalms 37:4**
 - D. It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere.
 - E. Nothing is more important than your family. **Luke 14:26-27**
 - F. My Giving doesn't matter! **Mal. 3:8-11**
 - G. My Prayers Don't change things, and they don't matter to God: **Psalm 40:1, Ps 66:16—20 NLT Ps 56:9 NKJV**
 - H. Just follow your heart.” **Jer. 17:9, John 10:27 MY sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. NKJV**
- Have you or do you ever struggle with these “lies”? How does God’s truth thru the Holy Spirit help you overcome the lies?**

More of the “What” of the Holy Spirit:

- 3. The Holy Spirit regenerates (John 3:5,6).**
- 4. He glorifies Christ (John 16:14).**
- 5. He reveals Christ to us and in us (John 16:14,15).**
- 6. He is our leader - willing to lead us (Romans 8:14).**
- 7. He sanctifies. What does this mean to you?**
- 8. He empowers us! (Acts 1:8) SPIRIT and of POWER (1 Cor. 2:4)**
 - a. The Baptism (immersion) in the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Total dedication to God.
 - c. Brokenness, Surrender

Walk it Out

In what area(s) of your life do you need a more vital, real and active relationship with the Holy Spirit?