

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Text: Acts 1:4,5

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Today we are going to discover “WHO” the Holy Spirit is by examining what Scripture tells us about:

1. His _____
2. His _____ Attributes
3. His primary _____

The Position of the Holy Spirit: _____

The Deity of the Holy Spirit is confirmed by Scriptures in:

1. Apostolic Teaching (Acts 5:3-4). Ananias has lied not to man but God the Holy Spirit!
2. Scriptural Inference: Creation, Part of the Triune God...
3. Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes:
 - a. Omnipresent (Psalm 139:1-10)
 - b. Omnipotent (Luke 1:35)
 - c. Omniscience (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
 - d. _____ (Hebrews 9:14)
4. Name used in equality with the name of Father-God and Son-Jesus
5. His Deity is integrated into the life and ministry of Jesus from birth, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension (Lk 1:35; Acts 10:38; Mt 4:1; Heb 9:14; Rm 8:11, Acts 1:2)

The Personal Attributes of the Holy Spirit

Jesus gives us a clear description of who the Holy Spirit is (Read Jesus’ description in Jn 14 & 16). Like Jesus the Holy Spirit, thinks, feels, works, writes, teaches, speaks, leads and commands.

The Primary Ministries of the Holy Spirit

1. Continue and expand the mission of Jesus
2. Convict sinners of their sin and unbelief
3. Convict sinners by the revealing the righteousness of Jesus
4. Convict sinners of bondage by showing how Christ Jesus broke Satan’s power over them
5. Bring the dead in sin to new birth by breathing life into them
6. He lives in us; He is the seal of Christ’s ownership of us; He immerses and fills us
7. He leads us; He gives us supernatural abilities to evangelize the world and build up the church; He transforms and conforms us all into the character Christ Jesus

Questions:

1. How would you characterize your relationship with the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Are you influenced by or immersed in the Holy Spirit?
 - b. How much of a say does the Spirit have regarding your time, talent, and treasure?
 - c. How impactful is the Holy Spirit in your pursuit of the Abundant Life?
 - i. Spiritual Life?
 - ii. Physical and Emotional Life?
 - iii. Relationship?
 - iv. Calling and Career?
 - v. Finances
2. Are you open to exploring a New Testament experience/relationship with the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Why or Why Not?

Homework:

1. Read John 14 and John 16 – Write down what Jesus says about the Holy Spirit
2. Now Read Acts 1 and 2 – Write down how the Holy Spirit engaged and impacted those baptized on the day of Pentecost and how these “Spirit-filled” believers functioned together as the church of Jesus.
3. Reflect on these two assignments and ask: Is what Jesus teaches about the Holy Spirit and demonstrated in the life of those first filled with His power normative in my life?
4. Okay... with all of these questions and readings in mind, let’s ask the Holy Spirit to immerse us in His presence to the same degree he did for the early church believers. Let’s ask and then wait for Him to respond to our request. Let’s do this every day as part of our prayer time.
5. Share with me jim@tlcassembly.org what the Spirit does in response.