

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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OUR COMFORTER

THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:16,17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.

John 16:13,14 Nevertheless, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself, but whatever ye shall hear, that shall he speak; and he shall show you things to come.

He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In order to understand that concept look in a mirror. You see you. You see yourself. You see the physical you. What you do not see is the soul and the spirit. (ref. 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

In the verses just quoted there are some very important things Christ pointed out.

1. The Holy Spirit will abide with the child of God forever.
2. He is called the Spirit of truth.
3. He is not seen or acknowledged by the world.
4. He will teach us all things.
5. He will guide into all truth.
6. Show things to come.
7. Glorify Christ.
8. He comforts the saved child of God.

He, the Holy Spirit, is referred to as a person.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

Notice also if you will, the eternal trinity in all the previous verses. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All of those false religions that deny the trinity, like Islam, and many others, ultimately deny the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: In the New Testament the word 'ghost' is a mistranslation. In the original Greek New Testament the word is *πνευμα* /English *pneuma*, and it should be translated Spirit. (Holy Spirit)

The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead. A word used three times in the New Testament for the trinity. (Romans 1:20 Acts 17:29 Colossians 2:9)

In each case it refers to the power of God.

The word spirit also refers to the spirit of man. Generally, it refers to attitude. (a good or bad spirit)

There are basically three Spirits/spirits at work in the world today. The Holy Spirit of God; the unholy spirit of Satan, or the antichrist spirit; and the spirit of man, which may be influenced by the Holy Spirit, or the unholy spirit.

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Genesis 1:2b And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters

Psalms 104: 30 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The Holy Spirit, along with the Father and the Son, had His part in creation.

In The Old Testament

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was sent to individuals for specific purposes.

The Spirit of the Lord gave Noah instructions for building the Ark. (Genesis 6:13-22)

The pharaoh saw the work of the Holy Spirit through Joseph. (Genesis 39:21,29 41:38)

God sent His Holy Spirit to men He chose to build the tabernacle and all the things pertaining to the tabernacle. (Exodus 28:3 31:1-11 35:29-35)

Just like the present dispensation, the Old Testament saints would be ‘filled’ with the Holy Spirit. This would be for wisdom, for comfort, and particularly for prophesy. (ref. Numbers 11:17,25 24:2 Deuteronomy 34:9)

In 1st Samuel 10:6-10 The Holy Spirit came upon Saul, the first king of Israel. In 1st Samuel 16:14 the Holy Spirit left Saul, and God sent an evil spirit. (bad attitude)

However, in 1st Samuel 16:13 the “Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.”

The Bible has divided history into dispensations. We believe there are eight dispensations, or, periods of time. A dispensation, according to C.I. Scofield, “is a period of time in which God deals with man according to his sin and responsibility.”

We are living in the sixth dispensation called the age of grace, the church age. The next dispensation will be the seven year tribulation, and then the 1000, year reign of Christ on Earth.

All of this should be important to the student of the Bible, because the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are at work in every dispensation.

The four gospels are New Testament books, recording Old Testament events. The church age did not begin until Christ ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:49,50 Acts 1:8,9 Acts 2:1-4)

The birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, are fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

It was the Holy Spirit that planted the seed in Mary's womb; and made the birth of Christ imminent. (Matthew 1:18 Luke 1:31-35)

The Holy Spirit made it possible for the birth of John the Baptist. The Holy Spirit descended upon Christ when He was baptized by John. (Matthew 3:16,17)

The Holy Spirit And The Bible

The Bible states it is the Word of God and the truth. (John 17:17 Psalm 138:2)

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Timothy 3:14-17 1 Peter 1:10-12 2 Peter 1:19-21

The words “inspiration of God, “ in 2 Timothy 3:16 is from the Greek word theopneustos / θεοπνευστος, and it means God breathed:

The entire Bible is inspired by God and given to men by the Holy Spirit.

In John 14:15 through 16:15 Christ made some important statements concerning the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

And The New Birth

In John 14:16 the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, will abide with the Christian forever. In 14:17 the world cannot see Him, or know Him. But the Christian will know Him. Jesus also said the Holy Spirit would “Dwell with and in,” every believer.

This is what the Lord called “ born again,” in John chapter three.

In John 3:3-7 Jesus said, “ Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (vs. 5)

The water in this verse refers to the word of God. (ref. John 15:3 Ephesians 5:26 1 John 5:7,8)

When we hear the gospel, that is, that Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin, which is the Word of God, the “water,” of verse 5, and believe the gospel, we are born again.

Baptism Of The Spirit

John the Baptist said Jesus Christ the Lord would baptize with the Holy Spirit. (ref. Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8 Luke 3:16 John 1:33 and Acts 1:4,5)

When we hear the gospel, and believe Christ paid for our sins, Jesus Himself baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

We do not pray for the baptism of the Spirit, or beg to be baptized in the Spirit, as some ignorantly assume, Christ baptizes us the second we believe in Him. It is called born again and it is forever. (ref. John 3:3,5 14:16,17)

SET APART BY THE SPIRIT

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

According to the Bible, in God's eyes, there are only two ethnic groups of people; They are Jew and Gentile. Also, according to the Bible, in God's eyes, out of those two ethnic groups there are two kinds of people; saved and lost.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish (lost) foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.

saint, all derive from the Greek word *hagios/hagiosmos*, which means, *set apart*.

It is the Holy Spirit that sets the believer apart from the world, and gives the believer the ability to accomplish many things, with the right attitude.

When Christ went to the cross He paid for the sins of the world; from Adam to the last man. Those who refuse to believe that simple truth are considered “the world.” (John 14:17,19 John 16:8,33)

1 Thessalonians 4:8 He, therefore, that despiseth, despiseth not man but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

In 1 Thessalonians, especially chapter four verses 1-12, Paul is telling the new Christians they should live a life that reflects their relationship with the Lord. (saved, born again, believers, and baptized, or indwelt by the Holy Spirit)

Actually, it is the Holy Spirit that gives us the ability to live a Christian life.

As we have previously stated, there are two ethnic groups of people and out of those two groups of people there are two groups of people; Those who are saved and those who are lost. There are also two ways of thinking.

1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians chapter two Paul informs those in Corinth that they have the ability to think like Christ through the Holy Spirit. (ref. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 note vs. 10,11,14)

In verse 14 Paul states that “the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God;”

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The Old Nature

What is the natural man?

If, according to 1 Corinthians 2:14, the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit, he must not have the Spirit. He has the spirit of man, which we were all born with, but the natural man does not have the Holy Spirit.

Everyone, from Adam to the last human being born, is considered a natural man. We were born with a sinful nature, the ability to sin naturally.

Ephesians chapter two gives the best explanation of our old nature.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:2 In which in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience;

in his letter to the church at Ephesus Paul reminds them of three important things.

1. Their past condition: Lost without Christ. Alienated from God and walking according to the world and Satan. (Ephesians 2:1-5,11,12 the natural man)
2. Their present position: Part of the family of God, and saved by grace through faith. (Ephesians 2:6-10,13-22)
3. Their future transition: Sealed by the Holy Spirit for eternity in heaven along with everyone who has trusted Christ as their Savior. (Ephesians 1:10-14 2:5-7,22 4:30)

Every believer basically has two natures. The natural man we were born with and the new nature of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the warning throughout the New Testament, yield to the Holy Spirit. (Romans 7:15-25 Ephesians 4:17-32 and many more)

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard from me.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

The promise of the Father goes a little deeper than the Father sending the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Throughout the Bible God made many promises to the saints. The fact is, the promise of the Holy Spirit fulfills all other promises.

The first promise was made to Adam, and from there, to all mankind. That is the promise of a Savior.

The promise was re-affirmed to Abraham, and is many faceted.

Jesus Christ Himself preached the gospel to Abraham. (Genesis 12:1-3 15:1-6 with Romans 4:1-5 Galatians 3:6-9)

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

THE HOLY SPIRIT / OUR GUARANTEE

In the Old Testament God made two types of covenants with man. There was the conditional covenant, which was based on God keeping His word on certain conditions which man must follow. Then there was the unconditional covenant where God keeps His part unconditionally.

In other words, under the conditional covenant, it is based on, "If you will, then I will." But, under the unconditional covenant God states, "I will!"

In Genesis 12:1-3 God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham. It was "A great nation; and all families of the earth be blessed."

promise to Abraham. He promised Abraham a son and a seed. This seed would be the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. (ref. Galatians 3:6-9 and 3:16)

The promise made to Abraham was partially fulfilled when Israel became a nation.

Genesis 12:1,2 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, unto a land that I will show thee.

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.

In Genesis 12:3 God told Abraham that, “*in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*”

How would all families of the earth be blessed in Abraham?

The answer is because of the promise made to Abraham that he would be the Father of the nation of Israel and that the Messiah, the Savior, would be born in the genealogical line of Israel. Also, in Genesis 15:1-6 Jesus Himself preached the gospel to Abraham, and Abraham believed it. (ref. Genesis 15:1-6 Romans 4:1-3 Galatians 3:6-9) The gospel is Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sins. All anyone has to do is accept that by faith. Abraham looked forward to his Savior by faith and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, Jacob begot the twelve tribes of Israel, and Jesus Christ the Lord was born in the genealogical line of Abraham, and all families of the earth are blessed by the birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

FAITH – THE THEME OF THE BIBLE

By faith Abraham lived and pleased God.

okay, but will not get anyone into heaven, or into the family of God. Hebrews chapter eleven is called the great faith chapter.

We suggest everyone read Hebrews chapter eleven carefully. It shows that faith is what pleases God.

Ephesians 1:11-14 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will.

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ;

In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.

Who is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession,

unto the praise of his glory!

Notice the progression.....

We hear the gospel of our salvation, which is the word of truth. (vs. 13)

We believe the gospel and trust in Christ as our Savior. (vs.12,13)

Then we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. (vs. 13)

He, the Holy Spirit, is our 'earnest,' or our guarantee of an inheritance. (vs. 11,14)

The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of being gathered together with the church at the rapture, or, at the 'redemption.' (vs. 10,11,14 4:30)

Jesus Christ promised eternal life to those who believe, trust, have faith in the fact that He paid our sin debt. (John 3:15,16 6:47)

Therefore, the promise of the Father!

gospel, Jesus Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, and we are born into the family of God. (born again)

THE RESURRECTION

Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so will everyone throughout history have a resurrection. (Daniel 12:2 John 5:28,29 Acts 17:31,32 Romans 1:3,4 and to many more to mention)

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (give life to) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

We suggest reading the entire 8th chapter of Romans and 2nd chapter of 1 Corinthians.

“Ye must be born again!” That is by simple faith in Christ as our Savior.

He will testify of Christ (John 15:26,27)

He will reprove the world of righteousness, judgment, and sin. (John 16:7-11)

He dictated the entire Bible to the writers. Literally God breathed, or inspired. (John 16:12-15 2 Timothy 3:16)

He indwells all believers, and it is eternal, and it is the promise of the Father. (John 14:16,17 Ephesians 1:12-14 4:30)

Because the Holy Spirit dwells in all believers, so does the Father and the Son. (1 Corinthians 2:10 3:16,17 6:19,20 2 Corinthians 6:16 Galatians 3:26,27 Ephesians 4:4-6 Colossians 1:27 and many more)

He will teach the Word of God to every believer. (who has a desire to learn. John 14:26 16:13 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 2 Timothy 2:15)

and distress. (Romans 8:26,27)

He directs the feet of those who are trying to serve the Lord, and protects from Satan and his army. He sends, leads, and puts up barriers in order to protect. (Acts 8:27 10:19 11:12,28 16:7 Romans 8:14)

He has all the power of the Father and the Son. (Romans 8:10,11 15:19)

He reproves, or condemns, the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment. Therefore, the world has no excuse for rejecting the gospel. (John 16:7-11)

He is the restrainer, or withholder, who keeps evil from running rampant on the earth until the rapture removes the church. (2 Thessalonians 2:6,7)

We are told to “*be filled with the Spirit;*” (Ephesians 5:18-21 this glorifies God)

The sinful world rejects the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, the Cross of Calvary, and the death, burial and resurrection.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (give life to) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The Spirit of God the Father raised His Son Jesus Christ from the dead, and therefore guarantees our resurrection by the power of the same Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:24,32 3:15,26 4:10 5:30 and many more)

Acts 1:8a But ye shall receive Power, after the Holy Ghost (Spirit) is come upon you;...

We have no idea how much power is available through the Holy Spirit of God.

We have barely covered the work and wonder of the Holy Spirit, who is the promise of the Father.

Nevertheless, we should thank the Father for sending His Holy Spirit, and we should be grateful for the Son, who made it all possible.

DEFINITION OF WORDS

The following is a definition of some of the words used in this short book. (not in any specific order) The New Testament was written in the common Greek language of the day.

Holy Spirit: Holy = Greek *αγιος* *hagios* = *to be separated*

Ghost = *εκπνεο* *ekpneo* = *to breathe out; give up the ghost*

The word ghost is a mistranslation, and is used in reference to death. The Holy Ghost should always be translated Spirit.

Spirit = *πνευμα* *pneuma* = *breath; wind; consider the English word pneumatic!*

Comforter = παρακλησις paraklesis = *a calling to ones side; advocate; intercessor;*

Gospel = ευαγγελιον euangelion = *a good news message* The good news message is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sin.

Born (again) = γενναω gennao = *to beget; (of children)*

Baptize = βαπτισμα baptism = *to immerse; submersion; (from bapto, to dip)*

Believe: Believer: Faith: Trust.... All four words mean basically the same thing. The endings are different in the Greek language.

Verb Grk, πιστευο /pisteuo = *to believe; trust; entrust; to give one credit for*

Noun Grk. πιστις /pistis = *belief; assurance; trust;*

Adjective Grk. πιστος /pistos = *in the active sense believing; trusting*

A believer is one who hears and believes the gospel of Christ. That is, the good news message of the death, burial, and resurrection, of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

When we hear and believe the gospel we are sealed, baptized, in the Holy Spirit, by the Lord Jesus Christ, and born into the family of God.

Our Comforter, the Holy Spirit , is the promise of the Father, and our guarantee of a resurrection into eternal life.

NOTE: The Bible states it is the Word of God and that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh, and we can prove it! Christian Bible Press 3194 Spencer Dr. Geneva, Ohio 44041.

Also note this computer will not allow the author to use the proper ‘s’ at the end of a

sentence, or rather the end of a word. The ‘s’ it allows us to use the Greek letter ‘σ’ which is used basically in the center of word. The Greek letter ‘ ς ’ should be used at the end of a word. We make note of this because we know there are many of those who find reason to criticize. We are not ignorant of the Greek language, we will just blame our poor innocent computer.