**The Ghost in the Upper Room**

**Seven Characteristics of Holy Spirit - Part 2**

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Jesus said…

**John 14:16**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.

**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.

* I am going to prepare a place for you – covenant - in the Father
* We will share His glory
* Do not be troubled.

**Thought:**

The disciples were visibly upset and emotional at the realization that Jesus began to talk about His death and departure. Can you imagine having God with you and then suddenly He tells you He is no longer going to be with you?

*If the Holy Spirit were not poured out, the coming presence of Jesus would be nothing more than a cruel joke.*

**Seven Characteristics About Holy Spirit**

1. **He is God**
2. He testifies of Jesus
3. Acts 5:3-4 – Why have you lied to the Holy Ghost:

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."

1. He is eternal
2. He is Holy
3. First person of the Godhead mentioned in the Bible – Genesis
4. He is not a force, a power, a dove or any of the other illustrations of the Bible declares of Him.
5. **He is a person**
6. Have you received Him as a person?
7. Ephesians 4:30 – Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

* He has personality
* A force cannot be grieved
* You can only offend a person.

**John 14:17**

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor **knows** Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

* John 14:17 – the Spirit of Truth
* Know = knowledge of experience.

1. **He is our helper**
2. Greek – one called to the side of another

* Intercede
* Four ways Holy Spirit helps us - How does he help us?

1. In our weakness/infirmities (Romans 8:26)
2. In our prayer life (Romans 8:27)

* He knows the mind of God

1. He gives us guidance – governs our journey (John 16:16) – guides us into truth
2. He is our teacher

* The real teacher in your life is Holy Spirit
* He knows everything about everything.

**Romans 8:26-27**

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

**John 16:16**

"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

1. **He has His own mind and will**
2. Holy Spirit has His own mind, thoughts, will and intentions. He knows what is right and what needs to be accomplished.
3. Romans 8:27 – the mind of the Spirit knows the will and plans of God
4. 1Corinthians 12:11 – He distributes the gifts as He wills
5. He has His own opinions and ideas and thoughts
6. He knows the mind of God, purposes and desires
7. He searches the deep things of God and reveals it to the believers.

**Romans 8:27**

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**1Corinthians 12:11**

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1. **He is the Spirit of Truth**
2. John 16:8-11

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.

1. He convicts sin not the spirit of “shame”

* Shame is the muscle of sin, it is the bouncer and the intimidator
* Many times people continue to struggle with shame rather than the sin itself

1. He reveals Jesus – makes Him personal to the believer
2. ***Convinces us of righteousness – what He says is right and everything else is wrong***
3. The world cannot receive Him, therefore they do not speak of Him.
4. **He is the author of liberty and freedom**
5. Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

* There is a greater law at work than the law of sin and death - the law of the Spirit is GREATER
* We should live free as Christ followers
* The Spirit of the Overcomer and the ability to overcome dwells within the believer.

1. 2Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

* Where the Spirit of the Lord is…
* He makes us free and delivers us
* It is our desire to be free and to liberate others
* He cannot stand bondage and slavery.

1. **He is the Spirit of spiritual adoption**

* Romans 8:15-17

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

* When you were born you receive what is born to you but…
* When you adopt someone, you choose – when babies are born you get what you get
* God chose you – He did not settle for you.

**Additional References**

**The Deity and Attributes of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person and is as much a part of the Godhead as the Father and the Son.

The following facts prove that He possesses essential Deity.

1. **Eternal** – **Hebrews 9:14**

* There are passages in the Old Testament that refer to God that are used in reference to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
* Old Testament – **Isaiah 6:8-10***;* New Testament – **Acts 28:25-27** (Isaiah says: It was the voice of the Lord; Paul called it the Holy Spirit).
* The name of the Holy Spirit is coupled with that of the Father and the Son.
* 1Corinthians 12:4-6
* Matthew 28:19
* 2Corinthians 13:14.

1. **Omniscience** –**1Corinthians 2:10-11**

* This scripture distinctly says that the spirit searches all and knows all, even the deep things of God.
* John 14:26 – If the Spirit teaches all, He must know all.
* John 16:12-13.

1. **Omnipresence** – **Psalm 139:7:11**
2. **Omnipotence** – **Thessalonians 1:5, 1Corinthians 2:4**

* We see in **Luke 1:35,** the Holy Spirit and the power of God connected.

1. **His Works**

* The Holy Spirit is motivated by love in His leading men to Christ.
* Creation – Job 33:4, Psalm 104:30
* Life Giving – Genesis 2:7, John 6:63, Romans 8:2
* Prophecy – 2Samuel 23:2, 2Peter 1:21

**Questions & Discussion**

1. Explain why Holy Spirit is no less inferior to Father and Son within the Trinity.
2. Explain how the Holy Spirit is a person. Provide the attributes that are associated with a person.
3. Why is Holy Spirit the most protected individual amongst the Trinity?
4. Provide additional ways in which the Holy Spirit helps us.
5. What does it mean that He is the Spirit of Truth? How does He lead us into all truth?
6. What does it mean to be biblically adopted into the family of God? How does this happen?
7. In which ways does Holy Spirit bring us into liberty and freedom? Provide a personal example.