

Finding Light in the Darkness

Session 17: Major Doctrines, part 2
Introduction, Trinity, Jesus, & Holy Spirit
Slide Notes

I Don't Know...

- Trinity is a difficult concept. How can God be one, yet three?
- How can Jesus be God?

Why Study God Anyway?

- Everything God says and does flows from who He is!
- If your view of God is wrong, then everything else is messed up!

Basic Trinity Verses

- Baptize in the Name – Mat 28:19
- Same Spirit, same Lord, same God –
1 Cor 12:4-6
- We access Father by Spirit through Jesus – Eph 2:18
- Jesus sends Spirit who proceeds from Father and testifies of Jesus – Jn 15:26
- Spirit will glorify Jesus, all things that the Father has belong to Jesus – Jn 16:13-15
- Benediction – 2 Cor 13:14

Mt 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1 Co 12:4-6 - There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

Eph 2:18 - For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Jn 15:26 - "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Jn 16:13-15 - 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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

2 Co 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

Not Just a NT Idea

- **Man made in “Our image” – Gen 1:26**
 - ♦ **God – *Elohim* is plural (2,606 occurrences)**
- **Spirit at work in Creation - Gen 1:1-2**
- **Father gives Son of Man dominion, glory, and kingdom – Dan 7:13-14, Jn 13.31**
- **Jesus sent by Father and Spirit – Isa 48:16**
- **Child is born, called Mighty God – Isa 9:6**
 - ♦ **Read every Christmas, but don't think!**

Ge 1:26 - Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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Ge 1:1-2 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Da 7:13-14 - “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

“Son of Man” used by Jesus of Himself about 80 times.

Is 48:16 - “Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me.”

Is 9:6 — For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Whose Temple Are You?

- **1 Corinthians 3:16-17 — Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?**
- **1 Corinthians 6:19 — ... your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?**
- **2 Corinthians 13:5 — ... Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?**

You are God's Temple!

But What About...

- **Jesus prayed to the Father?**
 - ♦ Prayer is conversation
 - ♦ God is a social Being - Father, Son, and Spirit
 - ♦ Father, Son, and Spirit communicate with each other
 - ♦ Not strange that Jesus prayed to (communicated with) the Father
- **Jesus said Father was greater than He?**

God Became Flesh

- **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**
— Jn 1:1-4
- **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.** — Jn 1:14

Jesus Took a Lower Position

- **You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.**
— **Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)**

Jesus submitted self to the Father voluntarily in order to fulfill the requirement for paying our debt and setting us free.

Took the position of a servant (remember, washed their feet).

This understanding clears up a lot of questions which seem to indicate that Jesus is less than God. During the time Jesus dwelt in flesh on the earth, He took a subservient role to fulfill all righteousness (Mat 3:13-15). As part of the process, Jesus willingly submitted and became obedient to the Father and the Law.

Father is Greater than Me...

- **You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for **My Father is greater than I.** — Jn 14:28**

Greater positionally, not by nature.

Greater Than...

- **For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” — John 6:38-40**
- **For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.
— John 13:15-16**

Jesus said that after washing the disciples' feet. A servant is no less human than the master. The difference is one of position, not of nature.

Jesus Learned Obedience

- **though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, — Heb 5:8-9**
- **Obedience – A new experience for God**
- **But necessary to purchase our salvation**

Jesus submitted self to fulfill what Adam and we failed to do. He could not be a perfect sacrifice unless He was without sin. Jesus had to submit Himself to the Law of God and *learn* obedience in order to become a righteous substitute for us. Jesus had to learn obedience because as God from all eternity, He had never before been in a subservient position. “Perfected” refers to His completion of the task to live a sinless life, then give that life as a sacrifice to pay our debt.

Who Do They Say I Am?

- **... He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. — Mt 16:13-17**

We need to say what God says about Jesus, not what others have said.

The Doubter Got It!

- **John 20:28-29 — And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

- **Not OMG!**
- **Not Blasphemy!**
- **Blessed if believe it!**

John 20:24-27 — Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

OMG – Oh my God! or Oh my gosh! - basically, this is cussing.

Jesus would have reacted differently if Thomas was either cursing or blaspheming.

Holy Spirit

Lies About Holy Spirit

- **Not God**
- **Not active today**
- **God’s force**
- **An “it”**
- **Feminine side of God**
- **Takes control of you**

We will focus on what the Bible has to say about the Holy Spirit rather than answering the various lies about Him. You recognize the lies by being thoroughly familiar with the true.

Holy Spirit Long Ago

- **Existed from eternity**
 - ♦ **how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, ... — Heb 9:14**
- **Participated in Creation**
 - ♦ **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. — Ge 1:1-2**

Holy Spirit is God

- **Now the Lord is the Spirit; — 2 Co 3:17**
- **Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
— 1 Co 3:16**
- **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? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”
— Ac 5:3-9**

Holy Spirit in the OT

- **At Creation – Gen 1:1-2**
- **Inspired Scripture – 2 Pet 1:20-21**
- **Empowered leaders – 1 Sam 10:10, Judg 14:6, 2 Chr 24:20**

2 Chronicles 24:20 — Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God: ‘Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you.’ ”

Holy Spirit Lives in Believers

- **Promised in OT – Ez 36:26-27**
- **Lives in Believers – Jn 14:16-17**
- **Temple of God – 1 Cor 3:16-17, 1 Cor 6:19**
- **If don’t have, don’t belong to God – Rom 8:9**

Ezekiel 36:26-27 — I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

John 14:16-17 — And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 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.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 — Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

1 Corinthians 6:19 — Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Romans 8:9 — But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Holy Spirit at Work Today

- **Convicts people of sin – Jn 16:7-8**
- **Draws men to Jesus – Jn 15:26, Rev 22:17**
- **Baptizes into Body of Christ – 1 Cor 12:13**
- **Teaches us truth – Jn 16:13-15, 14:26**
- **Helps us pray – Rom 8:26-27**
- **Equips for God’s work – Lk 4:18-19, Mt 10:18-20, Acts 1:8, 4:31**
- **Speaks to the Church – Acts 13:2-4**

1 Corinthians 12:13 — For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

John 16:13-15 — 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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Romans 8:26-27 — 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. 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.

Acts 13:2-4 — As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Fruit of the Spirit

- **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those *who are Christ’s* have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**
— **Galatians 5:22-25**

The presence of Holy Spirit living in us is expected to change us. The fruit of the Spirit in a Believer’s life is evidence of God’s salvation and work in his or her life. Like fruit, it is a growth process.

Gifts of the Spirit – 1 Co 12:4-11

- **There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through**

the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Gifts of the Spirit

- **Word of Wisdom**
- **Word of Knowledge**
- **Faith**
- **Gifts of Healings**
- **Working of Miracles**
- **Prophecy**
- **Discerning of Spirits**
- **Different Kinds of Tongues**
- **Interpretation of Tongues**

These are public gifts, to be used in interactions among and between people.

Spiritual Gifts Given...

- **As the Spirit desires**
- **To individuals**
- **For the benefit of all**
- **After receiving the “Gift of the Holy Spirit”**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (above)

Hebrews 2:4 — God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

- **Then Peter said to them, “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.
— Acts 2:38**
- **And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, ..., because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. — Acts 10:45**

This is different from the gifts of the Holy Spirit. What is this Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Promised Long Ago

- **Joel 2:28-29** — “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Baptism with Holy Spirit

- **Matthew 3:11** — I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- **Acts 1:5** — for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

John the Baptist, talking about Jesus in Matthew 3:11. Jesus speaking in Acts 1:5.

Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-8

- When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

Non-Jews Receive

- While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have?*” – Acts 10:44-47

Received After Salvation

- ... sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. — Acts 8:14-17

- When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, —Acts 19:5-6

People got saved in Samaria, so Peter and John were sent by the church in Jerusalem. Baptism in Holy Spirit is a separate event from salvation.

Benefits

- Power / Be Witnesses – Act 1:8, Lk 4:18-19
- Help praying – Rom 8:26-27
- Words to say – Mat 10:18-20
- Boldness to speak – Act 4:31
- Power to cast out demons – Mat 12:28

Tongues and Baptism with HS

- Day of Pentecost
 - ♦ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” — Acts 1:5
 - ♦ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. — Acts 2:4
- New Believers in Ephesus
 - ♦ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. — Acts 19:6
- Cornelius & Gentiles
 - ♦ ... the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ... the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. — Acts 10:44-46

Filled with Spirit

Tongues (Prayer Language)...

- ♦ You are speaking to God – 1 Cor 14:2
- ♦ Spiritually builds you up – 1 Cor 14:4
- ♦ Desired for all to experience – 1 Cor 14:5
- ♦ Pray in tongues & w/ understanding – 1 Cor 14:14-15
- ♦ Spirit prays on our behalf – Rom 8:26-27
- ♦ Expected for believers – Mk 16:17
- ♦ Do not forbid – 1 Cor 14:39

Not talking about the public Gift of Tongues and Gift of Interpretation mentioned earlier. “Do not forbid” could apply to the public gift of tongues or the individual’s prayer language.

Holy Spirit - Summary

- **Holy Spirit is God**
- **He is active in the world today**
- **He lives in all believers**
- **He fills believers**
- **He gives gifts to equip believers for ministry**

For More Information

- **BB #3 – The Person, Work, and Ministry of the Holy Spirit**
- **BB #4 – Misconceptions About Tongues**
- **The Alpha Course**
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