

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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The Spirit of God

Up to this point we've studied in Romans 1 thru 8:17

1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ
2. God's Righteousness and God is HOLY
3. Mankind's sinfulness and depravity
4. God's Judgment against Sin (His Wrath)
5. Our Justification, Reconciliation, Forgiveness of Sin in Christ Jesus ... sinners saved by God's Grace
6. Hope In God, the Hope of God
7. Sanctification in Christ ... growing in Christ and Victory over sin
8. Paul's Testimony
9. Life in Christ, Life in the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God

Today we are going to Pause a wee bit and Study about God – The Holy Spirit ...

We've Learned Much about Jesus Christ and God the Father (ABBA! FATHER) ... but in the Book of Romans there is not much about God's Spirit ... other than what read about here in Romans 8 and a little bit in Romans 12

God's Spirit doesn't try to bring attention to Himself ... as we will see ... His Main Mission is to Exalt Christ Jesus, bring sinners to Christ, Open up the Word of God to disciples of Christ, and Empower Christians to be victorious over sin & to accomplish the Great Commission

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Romans 8:14-16

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again leading 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

NO DOUBT → for the Born Again Disciple of Jesus Christ

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In Romans we see what He does for us, but the apostle Paul does not go deep into His nature, etc. or other aspects of the Holy Spirit.

Firstly: The Holy Spirit is NOT a Force, or just the “Essence of the Presence” of God

**The Holy Spirit is NOT an “IT” either ... HE IS ...
Person ... Divine Person**

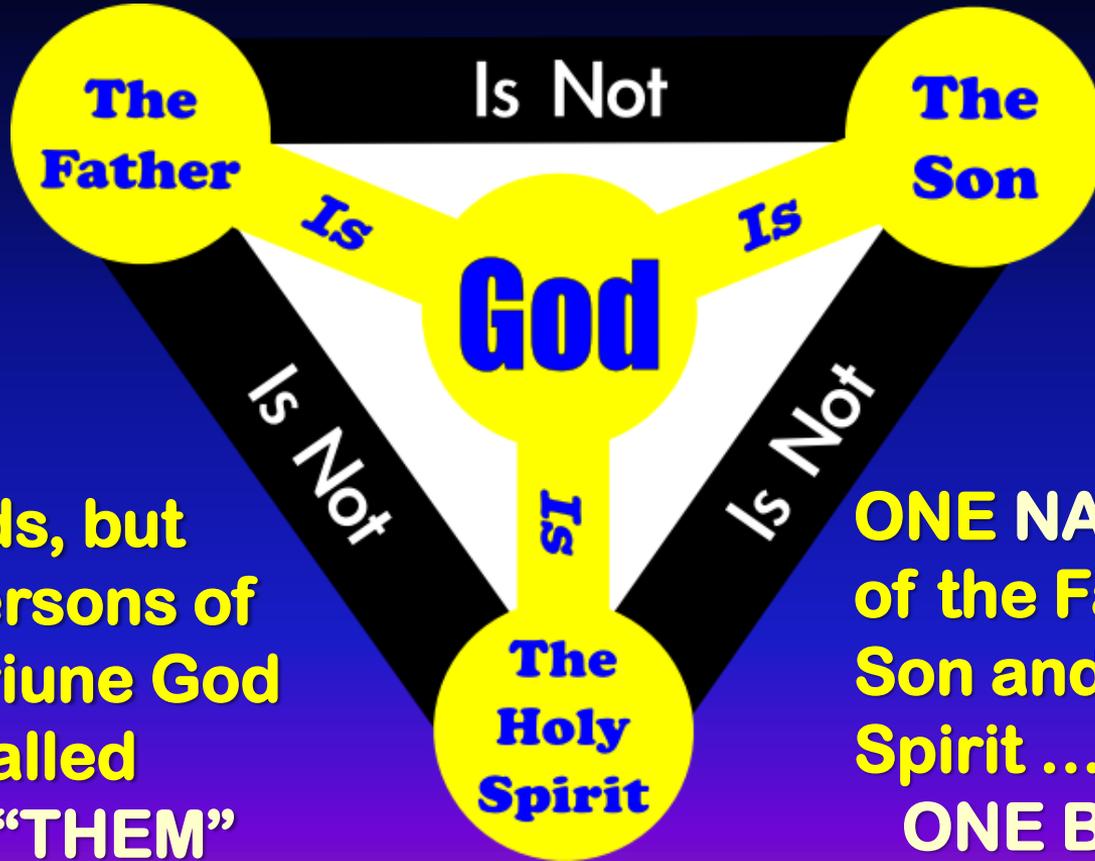
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Starting with Genesis thru Revelation ... and then focus on Matthew 28:18-20 - “the baptismal formula” – “baptize them in the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...”

We see that Jesus Christ, Himself, teaches us about the unique, Triune Nature of God, within the Entirety of who and what God is ... it is best illustrated with the following “Concept Picture”

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**NOT 3 Gods, but
3 Divine Persons of
the ONE Triune God
→ Never called
“THEY” or “THEM”**

**ONE NAME ...
of the Father, the
Son and of the Holy
Spirit ... ONE NAME
ONE BEING**

The Spirit of God

God – The Holy Spirit – He is Symbolized as

- **Water**
- **Wind**
- **Fire**
- **Oil (holy anointing oil)**
- **Light (as from the Menorah in the Temple)**

Since God, the Holy Spirit is the One who moved upon holy men of old to write the Holy Scriptures (the Bible) ... He is the One who Illuminates the Scriptures to our Mind and Heart . God's Word is symbolized as Water and Light

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God – The Holy Spirit – He is called:

God's Spirit, The Spirit of God, The Holy Spirit, The Spirit of Holiness, The Spirit of the Father, The Spirit of Christ (The Spirit of the Messiah), The Spirit of Truth, The Spirit of the LORD (The Spirit of Yahweh / YHVH), The Spirit of LIFE, The Spirit of Glory, Eternal Spirit, The Comforter/Counselor/Advocate (Paraclete – one who comes alongside to help)

These Symbols and various Names tell us more about Who He is and What His Mission is → regarding Creation to Redemption to Consummation (the end)

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God – The Holy Spirit – Prophesied as Core of the New Covenant in the Messiah: Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

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God – The Holy Spirit → causes sinners to be Born Again

God's Spirit did not come into our lives until we Repented of our sins and Believed in Christ for our salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14) → we heard the Gospel of our Salvation, we Believed, and the Holy Spirit came into our lives and sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30)

¹³ In Him you also trusted, AFTER you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were SEALED with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (1:13-14)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption. (4:30)

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John 16:8-11

⁸ And when He [The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth] 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 [i.e. Satan] is judged (i.e.: has been judged already).

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God – The Holy Spirit → causes sinners to be Born Again
That is the Holy Spirit's Work on the Sinner Prior to
Salvation ... He is OUTSIDE of the Body of the
Sinner, outside of the Heart of the Sinner, outside of
the soul and life of the sinner. He is "WITH" the
Sinner, walking alongside the sinner seeking to help
the sinner toward the Savior. Jesus said, "Now is
the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this
world (i.e. Satan) will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted
up from the earth, I will draw all peoples unto
Myself" ... John 12:31-32

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⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, THROUGH the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

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Caution: Praying to the Holy Spirit, directly?

No one in all of Scripture is ever recorded as Praying to, Worshipping, Praising, etc... the Holy Spirit, directly, or calling on His Name or anything like that or having a conversation with the Holy Spirit. No, that is never seen. We only see followers of Christ praying to God the Father in the Name of Christ or to Christ directly (as in the case of Stephen in Acts 7:59). We see teaching about Praying to God in the Name of Christ, Praying “in the Holy Spirit” unto God (Ephesians 2:18; John 16:23-24)

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The Holy Spirit Speaks ...

The Holy Spirit Speaks, but He seems to ONLY Speak about Jesus Christ and Only seek to Glorify Jesus Christ:

We do read that the Holy Spirit spoke clearly with full directive in Acts 13:1-3 regarding Barnabas and Saul. The Bible, itself is Inspired and God Breathed by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21) The Bible is from God the Father, through the Living Word of God (Jesus) via the Holy Spirit

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He only Speaks about Jesus Christ and His Mission, etc...

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in **My Name**, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 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**.

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John 16:12-15: 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.

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He only Speaks about Jesus Christ and His Mission

As you have seen from those passages quoting Christ ... the Holy Spirit's Mission is all about Exalting and Glorifying Christ, teaching Christ's disciples God's Holy Word, Christ's Word ... lifting up Christ ...

The Holy Spirit seems to never, ever bring attention to Himself ... He wants us, as Christ followers to focus on Christ and God our Father

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The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit is not to make us more like the Holy Spirit, but we are being conformed into the Image of Jesus Christ ...

So, if some teacher, minister, pastor, preacher, ministry, etc... has a whole lot of focus on “The Holy Spirit” and all kinds of things about “The Holy Spirit” as the main focus (what comes out of their mouths) then BEWARE ... they may not be really talking about the Real Biblical Holy Spirit of Living God. They may be filled with another Spirit (see 2 Cor. 11)

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God, the Holy Spirit Lives in Us who are Born Again ... HE is Real, He is a Person, the 3rd Divine Person of the Trinity of God ... He is God ... He is HOLY ... He's the Spirit of Truth and He will lead us into Truth. He will never, ever, ever, lead us into Doctrinal Error, into False Teaching ... and He will attempt to lead us away from False Teachings and Heresies, etc. if we will listen to Him. (1 John 4:1-6)

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He is called the Spirit of LIFE and thus He allows us to Experience the very LIVING Dynamic LIFE of the LIVING God ... in the Name of the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ.

He is here to Encourage us to Follow and Obey Christ, to Live for Christ, to live to Please God, to Trust in God, to Read and Study His Word, to Know His Word, to Live according to His Word, to Spread His Word, to Spread the Gospel of Christ to the lost world of sinners around us.

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He is the One who is changing us, as we cooperate with Him, to become more like Christ ... and most of the time God uses the hard circumstances of life to Transform us ... and the Holy Spirit uses those situations to change us internally **IN WAYS ONLY GOD CAN.**

Next week, we will look deeper at how the Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit works in use ... to change us to become more like Jesus Christ.

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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