

John 16:7-15

The Holy Spirit's Ministry Makes Every Believer Potentially Fruitful/Every Unbeliever Potentially Saveable

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Believers v7 Generally

The Holy Spirit is Our "Director and Spiritual Power Source Such That We Can Increasingly Become "Partners" with Christ

...it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Interesting! God the Father: sent the Son....incarnation

God the Son: sends the Holy Spirit...indwelling/inspiration (CRIBS)

The Holy Spirit (πνευμα αγιος)

The NT Greek word "pneuma" (πνευμα) means "spirit." In 1611 (when the KJV was completed) the English word "Ghost" meant "spirit" in a generic, non-occultic way. That is no longer true and thus most American Christians refer to the 3rd Person of the Trinity as the Holy "Spirit" instead of as the Holy "Ghost."

The NT Greek word "pneuma" (πνευμα) is neuter in gender...but that does not mean the Holy Spirit is an "It" (a force not a Person). Grammatical gender is a convention which does not necessarily mirror reality. For the example the NT word (χειρ) which means "hand" is feminine in gender. That is true irregardless of whether the "hand" being described is attached To Mary, Martha or Peter, James and John!

Beware/Be Aware: Jehovah's Witnesses make a big deal about the neuter gender of the "Spirit" and insist this proves the Holy Spirit is a force (like gravity or electricity) but not a Person. How would you respond to that challenge....which if true, disproves the Trinity, and ultimately the full deity of Christ?

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Unbelievers v8-11

The Holy Spirit Convicts Unbelievers of Their Sin, of Their Need for Righteousness and of Their Personal/Moral Accountability to God

...(He) will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment for the ruler of this world has been judged.

Sin: Everybody's Got It (Romans 3:20-3:24)

Because of what theologians call "Total Depravity" but individuals are (and remain) "in" sin legally because they do not believe in Christ

Righteousness: Everybody Needs It (Philippians 3:8-9)

Because Christ is going to the Father/Heaven as the One Who Has Completed the Work of Redemption/Mission Accomplished

Judgment: Everybody Has It Coming (Revelation 20:11-15)

Because the ruler of this world has been judged (and the execution of his sentence is pending/but certain in the future).

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Believers v12-15 Specifically

The Holy Spirit Inspired the Apostles to Proclaim/Preserve the Good News about Christ and to Compose the New Testament and as a Result Believers of Each Generation Do Have "All Truth"

I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. All things the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

The Doctrine of Inspiration

God the Holy Spirit superintended the human authors of the books of the Bible, such that they composed and recorded the exact message God desired as timeless Scripture, in the words of the original manuscripts. Psalm 119; John 16:12-15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21

The Triune Nature of God

The Bible tells us: there is only ONE God.
The Bible also tells us: there are THREE Co-Equal Persons who are Deity

Bottom Line: There is ONE God in THREE Persons
NOT 1 Person in 3 Different Roles or with 3 Different Names

Isaiah 61:1

(in Luke 4:14-21 Jesus reveals He is the "Me" of this OT Passage)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon **Me**, because **the LORD**
has anointed **Me** to bring good news to the afflicted...

The Spirit of the Lord God = God the Holy Spirit
Me = the Messiah/God the Son-Jesus
The Lord God/LORD = God the Father

Question: Doesn't Deuteronomy 6:4 Deny the Trinity?!?

"Hear O Israel the LORD our God, the LORD is One!" The Hebrew word (ahad) translated "One" in Deut 6:4 is the same word used in Genesis 2:24 for the marital act: "the two shall become ONE." It speaks of composite unity not absolute singularity exactly what the unity of the Trinity is!

NT Matthew 28:19-20

...in **the name** (not names) of **the Father** and **the Son** and **the Holy Spirit**

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness of **God** our Savior (God the Father-as the Author of the Plan of Salvation) and *His* love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by **the Holy Spirit**, whom He poured out upon us richly through **Jesus Christ** (as the Active Agent of Salvation) our Savior, that being justified by His grace/made heirs of eternal life.

No Analogy is Perfect BUT These Can Be Helpful to a Point/for a Start
Physical Space

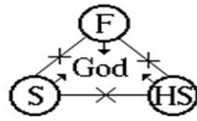
ONE reality made up of height, width and depth

Water: H₂O

ONE Compound: yet H₂O exists in 3 Distinct Forms: ice, water and steam

The Trinity is Not Irrational it is NOT like saying $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$

The Trinity is Supernatural and yet it is like $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$



In the Being of the One God
 There Are Three Persons, Equal in
 Essence, But Distinct in Personality

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True	
Triune	Righteous
Transcendent	Sovereign
Omnipotent	Love
Omniscient	Immutable
Omnipresent	Veracity
Just	Eternal

Take This to Heart

God is all about reality not simply outward rituals. Consistent with that fact, TBS (True Biblical Spirituality) is relational not mechanical. It works from the inside out (regeneration and a new capacity to respond to Him/love and live for the One who died/rose for us) and not from the outside in (rigid/robotic behavior modification).

Our focus in the Christian Life/TBS is (abiding in) Christ, the power Source which enables us to do that is the Person of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

God makes Himself known to truly seeking unbelievers, who while theologically depraved are saveable through the work of Holy Spirit in them (which includes Common Grace and conviction of SRJ) and around them (in the Creation, the Scripture and the Life/Lips of Christians).

The Fear of the LORD

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Abide in Christ
 μένω εν Χριστω

Walk in the Spirit
 περιπατετε εν πνευματι

NOT Rote Ritual/Rules to Earn/Keep Salvation
 BUT Relational Response to God's Grace in Salvation