

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

The Person & Ministry of the Holy Spirit

LESSON 7

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Memory Verse

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The Holy Spirit Can Be...

- ✓ Obeyed (Acts 10:19–21)
- ✓ Resisted (Acts 7:51)
- ✓ Lied to (Acts 5:3)
- ✓ Insulted (Hebrews 10:29)
- ✓ Grieved (Ephesians 4:30
- ✓ Blasphemed (Mar 3:28–29

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The Holy Spirit Acts Like a Person…

- ✓ Speaks (Acts 8:29)
- ✓ Teaches (John 14:26)
- ✓ Distributes Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- ✓ Convicts the World of Sin (John 16:8)
- ✓ Searches (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- ✓ Testifies (John 15:26)
- ✓ Guides and Directs (Acts 16:6–7)

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Incommunicable Perfections

- ✓ Independence (Aseity)
- ✓ Immutability
- ✓ Infinity
- ✓ Eternity
- ✓ Immensity & Omniprescence
- ✓ Unity
- ✓ Omniscience
- ✓ Omnipotence
- ✓ Perfection
- ✓ Spirituality & Invisibility



GOD: HIS CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTES

Communicable Perfections

- ✓ Wisdom
- ✓ Truth & Faithfulness
- ✓ Love
- ✓ Grace
- ✓ Mercy
- ✓ Holiness
- ✓ Righteousness
- ✓ Justice
- ✓ Jealousy
- ✓ Goodness



2. THE MAN WHO IS GOD

Jesus' Attributes Affirm His Divinity

- ✓ Sovereign (Matthew 28:18)
- ✓ Eternal (1 John 5:11)
- ✓ Unchanging / Immutable (Hebrews 13:8)
- ✓ All-knowing / Omniscient (Colossians 2:3)
- ✓ Perfect or Sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- ✓ Holy (Acts 3:14)
- ✓ Truth (John 14:6)
- ✓ Omnipotence (Matthew 19:26)



2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

The Holy Spirit Displays Divine Attributes

- ✓ Omniscience (1 Cor 2:10, 11; John 14:26; 16:12-13)
- ✓ Omnipotence (1 Cor 12:11; Rom 15:19; Luke 1:35, 37)
- ✓ Omnipresence (Ps 139:7)
- ✓ Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; I John 4:6?)
- ✓ 5. Holiness (Luke 11:13; Ps 51:11; Eph 4:30)
- ✓ 6. Eternity (Heb 9:14)
- ✓ Life (Rom 8:2)
- ✓ Grace (Heb 10:29)
- ✓ Glory (1 Pet 4:14)



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- ✓ Identified as Yahweh (Isa 6:9-10 with Acts 28:25-27; Jer 31:31-34 with Heb 10:15-17; Exod 17:7; Ps 95:7-11 with Heb 3:7-11).



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The Holy Spirit Called by Divine Titles...

- ✓ **Spirit of Truth** (1 John 5:6)
- ✓ **Spirit of Life** (Romans 8:2)
- ✓ **Living Water** (John 7:38–39)
- ✓ **Spirit of Glory** (1 Peter 4:14)
- ✓ **Holy Spirit** (Matthew 1:18)

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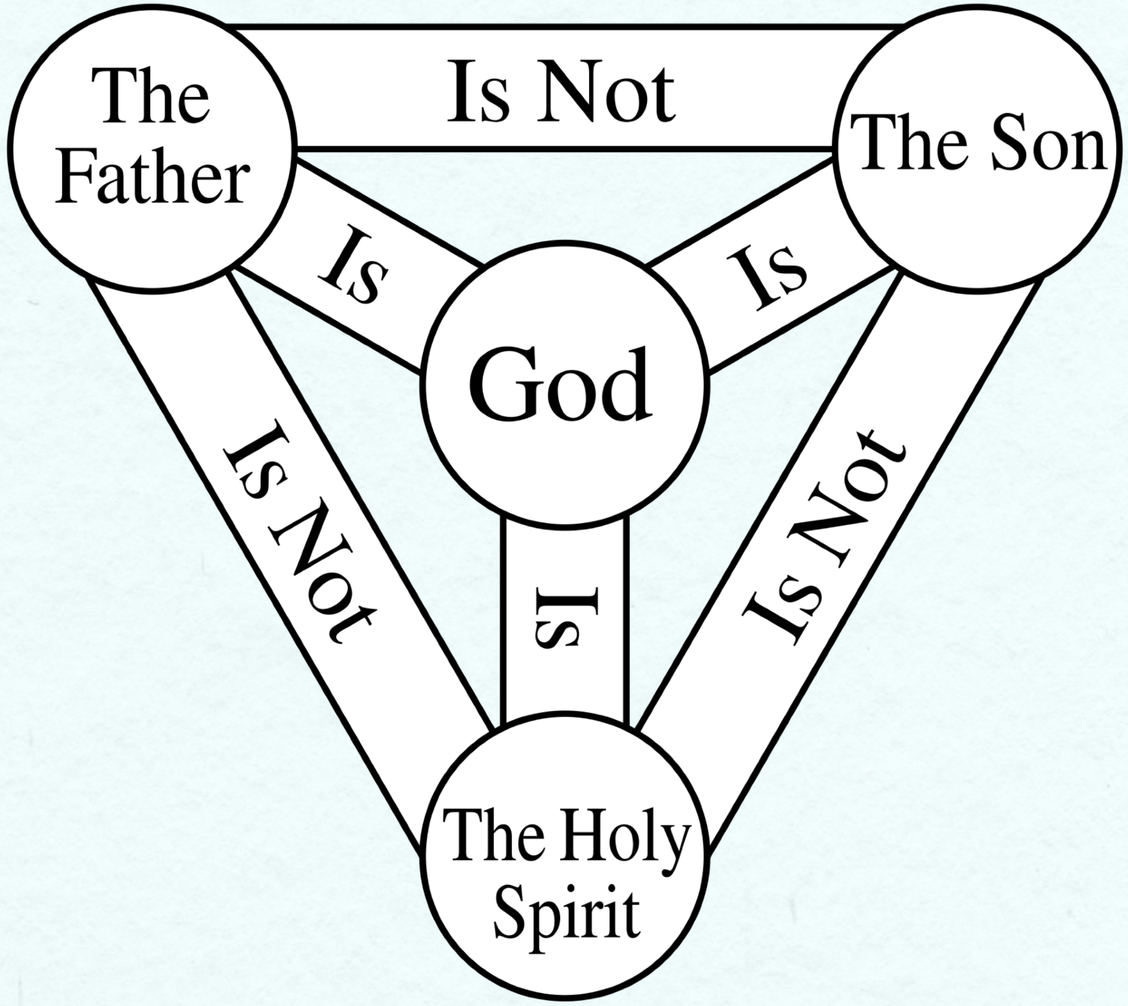
3. The Trinity

“There is one God who eternally exists as three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God, the three carrying out distinct but harmonious roles.”

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“There is one living and true God eternally existing in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are co-equal, co-eternal, and consubstantial (of the same essence), and therefore each deserves the same worship and obedience.”

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH (TEACHER’S GUIDE), 108.


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3. THE TRINITY

Key Passages on the Trinity

- ✓ There is only one God (Isaiah 43:10; 45:22)
- ✓ Yet God refers to Himself in the plural (*Us* and *Our*) (Genesis 1:26a; 3:22)
- ✓ The Father is God (John 6:27)
- ✓ Christ is God (Titus 2:13; John 1:1, 14; 8:58)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3–4)
- ✓ The three are distinct from eachother
  - ✓ At the baptism of Christ (Mark 1:10–11)
  - ✓ Trinitarian statements (2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6; Matthew 28:19)



3. THE TRINITY

Different Functions Within the Trinity

God the Father	From whom all revelation proceeds; the One who foreknew our salation and demonstrated His love for us by giving His only Son.
God the Son	The incarnated God who gave Himself as a sacrifice for sin and now intercedes and mediates between the Father and man.
God the Spirit	Indwells the believer and works to sanctify the believer through the illumination of the Word of God.



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29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you
take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and
you renew the face of the ground.

[1]In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
[2]The earth was without form and void, and darkness was
over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was
hovering over the face of the waters.

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And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

LUKE 1:35

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The Work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation

- ✓ Conviction of sin (John 16:7–8)
- ✓ Acknowledgment of Christ as Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3)
- ✓ Regeneration (Titus 3:5–6)
- ✓ Indwelling the believer (Romans 8:9, cf. 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16)
- ✓ Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- ✓ Sealing of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13–14; 2 Cor 1:21–22)
- ✓ Sanctification (1 Peter 1:2)



5. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SALVATION

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- ✓ Happens once at the time of conversion (Ephesians 4:4–6)
- ✓ Places the believer into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- ✓ Involves the receiving of the Holy Spirit as a seal and promise (Ephesians 1:13–14)

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The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

- ✓ “[13]In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14]who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”
  – Ephesians 1:13–14

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6. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life

What the Filling of the Spirit Is NOT

- ✓ It is not being baptized by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ It is not being indwelt by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ It is not being sealed or secured by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ It is not some emotional experience

6. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE

What the Filling of the Spirit IS

- ✓ Being filled with the Spirit is a giving over to the Spirit's control.



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How Is One Filled with the Spirit?

- ✓ Involves confession of sin
- ✓ Saturating oneself with the Word of God



16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the
desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are
against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against
the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you
from doing the things you want to do.

GALATIANS 5:16–17



16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your
hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
God the Father through him.

“To be filled with the Spirit is to live in the consciousness of the personal presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, as if we were standing next to Him, and to let His mind dominate our life. It is to fill ourselves with God’s Word, so that His thoughts will be our thoughts, His standards our standards, His work our work, and His will our will. Christ consciousness leads to Christ likeness”

JOHN MACARTHUR

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7. Application