

BACK TO BASICS CLASS

08 Who Is The Holy Spirit?

Introduction - 3 Cautions

1. Don't let experience guide us, in place of the Word.
2. Don't become content with less than what God intends for us - i.e., to ignore His leading
3. Don't put our focus on the works of the Spirit, instead of the glory of God

I. The Identity of the Holy Spirit

A. He is the Third Person of the Trinity

- i. Jn. 15:26 - He "proceeds (Gk: "ekporeuomai" - to issue forth from; stress = character not location [i.e., as steam proceeds from water - of the same substance])
- ii. Acts 5:3-4 - He is called "God"

B. He possesses the attributes of "God" (Omni. . . , Loving, Just, etc.)

- i. 1 Cor. 2:10-11 - He knows the deep thoughts of God
- ii. Ps. 139:7 - Omnipresent
- iii. Acts 1:9 - Omnipotent

C. He is a Person - not a power

- i. Jn. 15:26 - Referred to as a person - ("He" = 10 x -- NOT an "it")
- ii. Eph. 4:30 - He can be grieved
- iii. Heb. 10:28-29 - He can be insulted
- iv. Acts 5:3-4 - He can be lied to

II. The Holy Spirit - In Action with the Father and the Son

A. Gen. 1:2 - Creation ... "Ruach Elohim"

B. Lk. 1:35 - The birth of Jesus

C. Lk. 3:21-22 - The baptism of Jesus

D. The resurrection of Jesus - Jesus raised self - Jn. 2:19-22 / The Father raised Him - 1 Thes. 1:9-10 / The Spirit raised Him - Rom. 8:11 / GOD RAISED HIM - Acts 17:30-31

E. God is with us and never to leave or forsake

- i. = the fulfillment of Jesus promise - Mtt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5
- ii. (as with Jesus' said, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father" - Jn. 14:9)

II. The Three Primary Tasks of the Holy Spirit

A. Jn. 16:13-14 - Glorify Jesus, by ...

B. 1 Cor. 12:13 - Unites believers into one family and "into Christ"

C. 1 Cor. 12:11 - Equips believers to do the work of Jesus