

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **(I) THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS DIETY AND PERSON**

- (A) The Holy Spirit is a person: In Greek, personal pronouns are used - He, Him, etc.
- (B) Greek (parakletos) - "One called alongside to help", Helper, Comforter, Counselor.
- (C) In John 14:16, who is the "He" referring to?

### **(II) HE DOES THE THINGS ONLY A PERSON CAN DO**

- (A) He teaches and helps us to remember. John 14:26.
- (B) He calls men to service (He speaks). Acts 13:2.
- (C) He convicts us of sin. John 16:8.
- (D) He leads. Romans 8:13,14.

### **(III) BEING A PERSON HE CAN BE EFFECTED BY OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS**

- (A) We can lie to Him. Acts 5:1-3.
- (B) We can grieve Him. Ephesians 4:30.
- (C) We can quench Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:19.
- (D) We can insult Him. Hebrews 10:29.

### **(IV) THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

- (A) Omnipresent. Psalms 139:7-10.
- (B) Omnipotent. Luke 1:35.
- (C) Omniscient. John 14:26; 16:12,13.
- (D) Eternal. Hebrews 9:14.
- (E) Holy. Romans 1:4;
- (F) Creator. Job 33:4; Psalms 104:30.

## **(V) HE IS DISTINCT FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON**

(A) Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22

## **(VI) WHEN WE ARE SAVED:**

(A) He regenerates us (makes us spiritually alive). John 3:3-8; Titus 3:4-7

(B) He indwells us. 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19

(C) He brings satisfaction for our needs. John 4:13-14; 7:37-39

(D) He is the seal of our salvation (Security of Ownership). Ephesians 1:13-14

(E) The Holy Spirit is recognized as God in Acts 5:3,4 and is active upon man, convicting him of sin and guiding the believer into all truth. John 16:7-11.

## **Summary of the Trinity**

1. Genesis 1:1 - The word for God in Hebrew is Elohim.

Singular word for God - El; dual tense - Elah; three or more - Elohim (uniplural noun).

2. The doctrine of the Trinity is not explicit in the Old Testament, but it is implied:

Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7.

3. It is explicit in the New Testament:

Matthew 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21.

4. The Bible teaches there is only one God:

Deuteronomy 4:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 43:10.

5. Even creation implies the doctrine of the Trinity:

Space - length, width, depth in 1 space;

Man - body, soul, spirit in one man.

In the Holy Trinity we have one God manifested (revealed) to us in three distinct persons, all having the same attributes and all being called God. It is difficult to understand totally; we must accept it by faith.

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Water = liquid, ice, steam.

Remember Deuteronomy 29:29.

## **(VII) THE HOLY SPIRIT PLACES US INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST**

1 Corinthians 12:13 says every believer has been baptized into, or identified with the body of Christ.

- (A) Whose body is it according to 1 Corinthians 12:27?
- (B) Are all the members in a church body the same? See 1 Corinthians 12:14,17; and Romans 12:4-5
- (C) Who gives us our place in the body? See 1 Corinthians 12:18; Ephesians 4:11-12.
- (D) Are we all needed in the body? See 1 Corinthians 12:21-25; 1 Peter 4:10.
- (E) Do you need the other members of the body? See 1 Corinthians 12:21-26.
- (F) Who is the head of the Body? See Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22.

## **(VIII) THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES EACH PERSON CERTAIN ABILITIES**

- (A) Turn to 1 Corinthians 12
- (B) According to verses 4 - 6, does everyone have the same gifts?
- (C) Is there anyone who does not have at least one gift according to verse 7?
- (D) For whose benefit did God give these gifts?
- (E) What are some examples of gifts in verses 8 - 10?
- (F) Whose choice is it as to who receives which gifts? Verse 11.
- (G) According to verse 31, what can we pray for?
- (H) What is the greatest gift according to Paul in verse 31? (See 1 Corinthians 13)
- (I) Paul makes some very strong statements in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 concerning the importance of love. In these verses, which is the most important, using our gifts or showing love?

Summary: When you became a Christian, you immediately became a child of God, and were placed into a new spiritual family; the family which is the body of Christ. Just as a human body functions best when each member does its job, so the body of Christ, the church, is healthiest when each member is growing spiritually and fulfilling its special role.

