



Doctrine—God the Holy Spirit—part 1
From sermon 9.22.19

Read *Acts 2:1-4*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday’s sermon: the Holy Spirit is easily the most audibly silent member of the Godhead. Because of that, He may be the most mysterious, most misunderstood, and most abused of the Trinity. He the most intimate to the believer, yet we rarely speak about Him or fully understand Him. His work is immense. It is He who carries out the will of the Father and the Son in the Church Age. As John focused on Jesus as God, the Book of Acts focuses on God the Holy Spirit.

What has been your understanding and relationship with the Spirit in your walk? Various personal answers.

One of the most amazing qualities of the Holy Spirit is His Humility. Discuss. He never directs attention to Himself. He always glorifies Christ. In all His work, it is to bring both sinners and worshippers to trust in God the Son. By illuminating the Scriptures, He enables the reader to see the Living Word of God = Jesus. See *John 16:13-14*

What are some of the other divine and beautiful attributes of the Spirit, covered on Sunday? His holiness, omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, & eternity.

How is the Holy Spirit’s relationship with people now very different than it was before the day of Pentecost? See *Psalms 51:10-12 & John 14:16-17*

The Starts and Stops of Holy Spirit Ministry

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Role/Work</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>
Creation:	<u>Co-creator.</u> Job says: He adorned the heavens	<u>7-Day Creation</u>
Old Testament Empowerment:	<u>“Came upon” certain people to equip for specific task</u>	<u>Fall of man to Pentecost</u>
Inspiration of Scripture Writing:	<u>moved human writers in exactly what to write and which words</u>	<u>Moses to John</u> (See 2 Peter 1:21)
Gospels:	<u>Empowered, comforted, strengthened Jesus and Apostles</u>	<u>33-year life of Christ & 3 ½-year Ministry of Jesus</u>
Church Age:	<u>regenerates, convicts, indwells, illuminates, comforts, reminds, teaches, bestows gifts, empowers, & seals</u>	<u>Pentecost to Judgment Day</u> (See <i>John 16:8 & Acts 9:31</i>)

Is it okay for us to worship the Holy Spirit? Pray to Him? Yes. He is fully God, therefore fully worthy of all ways we’d respond and relate to God the Father and God the Son.

Discuss Modern Day* Holy Spirit Abuses: Charismatics/Pentecostals, Tongues, miracles, prophecy, healings, showmanship, sensationalism, emotion, disorder, subjectivity.
[* = Paul dealt with in Epistles. Reformers dealt with in early Protestantism]