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THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the adorable Trinity. His personality is proved in several reasons:

From the fact that the attributes of perfect personality, perfect intelligence are ascribed to the Holy Spirit (John 14:17, 26; 15:26; 1 Cor. 2:10, 11; 12:11). The Holy Spirit reproves, helps, glorifies, intercedes (John 16:7-13; Rom. 8:26)

The Holy Spirit executes the offices peculiar only to a divine personality. The very nature of these offices involves personal distinction (Luke 12:12; Acts 5:32; 15:28; 16:6; 28:25; 1 Cor. 2:13; Heb. 2:4; 3:7; 2 Pet. 1:21). His divinity is established:

The names of God are ascribed to Holy Spirit (Ex. 17:7; Ps. 95:7; comp. Heb. 3:7-11); and

Divine attributes are also ascribed to Holy Spirit omnipresence (Ps. 139:7; Eph. 2:17, 18; 1 Cor. 12:13); omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10, 11); omnipotence (Luke 1:35; Rom. 8:11); eternity (Heb. 9:4).

Creation is ascribed to Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; Ps. 104:30), and the working of miracles (Matt. 12:28; 1 Cor. 12:9-11).

Worship is required and ascribed to Holy Spirit (Isaiah 6:3; Acts 28:25; Rom. 9:1; Rev. 1:4; Matt. 28:19).

The Holy Spirit is a Person not a force, not an influence but co-equal, co-infinite and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son.

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

The primary witness of the Holy Spirit is to Christ, not to Himself, or to Bible doctrine [John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-15, Matthew 16:16-18] though the Spirit's witness focuses upon the Person and the work of Christ, it incorporate:

The totality of God's saving acts for the entire human race

The intrinsic and instrumental authority of the Scripture

The nature of fallen man and their response to God

A ministry of assurance and instruction to God's own possession

The center of the witness is that Jesus is Lord and Christ [Acts 2:36], the truth that the antichrist denies but which the believers affirm [1 John 2:20-22].

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SUSTAINING JESUS CHRIST as prophesied in the Old Testament [Isaiah 11:2-3, 42:1]:

The Holy Spirit was given without measure (constant unhindered filling) to the perfect humanity of Christ [John 3:34]. In the humanity of Christ, the Holy Spirit was never grieved or quenched, not even for a second because He did not sin.

The Holy Spirit was related to the baptism of Jesus Christ as the One that confirmed His identity, calling and mission.

The Holy Spirit sustained Christ during His entire earthly ministry [Luke 4:14-15, 18]. There was never a time during the humanity of Christ when He did not rely on the power and resources of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit sustained Jesus Christ when Christ was bearing our sins on the cross [Hebrews 9:14].

The Holy Spirit had a part in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus [Romans 8:11, 1 Peter 3:18]. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit in relation to Jesus Christ results to His glorification [John 7:39, 16:14].

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world:

RESTRAINING EVIL in the cosmic system so that the believers can continue to exist [2 Thessalonians 2:6-8]

CONVICTION OF SIN so the unbelievers will come to realization of his own sin and depraved condition before God [John 16:8-11]

REGENERATING MEN [John 3:14-16]

The ministry of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation:

EFFICACIOUS GRACE [Ephesians 2:8] –The work of the Holy Spirit in providing the unbeliever access into the plan of God through the merit of Jesus Christ. It is the perfect work of God where human power and ability has no merit.

REGENERATION is the imputation of eternal life at the moment anyone believes in Jesus Christ for eternal salvation making the person pass from spiritual death to eternal life. The Holy Spirit regenerates the unbeliever making him a child of God [Titus 3:5].

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –The Holy Spirit baptizes the unbeliever making him a child of God, sealing him permanently a part of the kingdom of God [Romans 6:1-4].

SEALING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [2 Corinthians 1:21-22] –The Holy Spirit sealed the believer permanently and nothing can destroy or change that relationship. We are children of God forever.

INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –The Holy Spirit permanently indwells the believer and nothing can destroy that indwelling. The Holy Spirit will never leave or forsake the believer.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS-The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to every believer at the point of salvation.

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –Making the person qualify to receive the blessings of salvation.

The post-salvation ministry of the Holy Spirit:

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –The divine provision for the believer to maintain spirituality and go back to point of blessedness. It is a provision for knowing and doing the will of God.

GLORIFY CHRIST IN THE BELIEVER [John 7:39, 16:7, 14] The Holy Spirit is assigned to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in the lives of the believers in three stages:

At spiritual maturity when the believer has accumulated maximum Bible doctrines in his soul and has become capable of doing the will of God -

At the point of spiritual victory over personal sins applying Bible doctrines to his problems and rejecting human viewpoint –

At the point of undeserved sufferings and disasters –when the believer resolved to trust and believe God-rejecting human solutions.

The Holy Spirit convicts the believer to rebound [John 16:8-10, 1 John 1:9] and as a result, fills the believer with Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ in the world through spiritual maturity –in the function of Royal priesthood. The Holy Spirit glorify God in the life of the believer whenever he overcome undeserved sufferings or gains momentum in the function of spiritual ambassadorship [John 14:12-15].