

The Person of the Spirit

TEXT: John 16:13-14

INTRODUCTION:

A. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE **HOLY SPIRIT'S NATURE**.

1. To **avoid error** that raises false hopes.
2. To **have fellowship** with him.

B. ARE WE DEVELOPING MYSTICISM AND SUPERSTITIONS AROUND THE HOLY SPIRIT?

I. A DIVINE PERSON.

A. NOT AN **"IT,"** BUT **"HE."**

1. Not a **vague impersonal force**.
2. Nor merely the **mind, temper** or **disposition of God**.
3. Not the **Bible**, N.T., or the **Word of God** (**John 1:1-3, 14-18**).

B. SPOKEN OF BY CHRIST AS A **PERSON**.

1. Jesus often speaks of God as his father and prays to him.
2. Speaks of the Spirit **and his relation to him** (**John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14**).
 - a. 9 times the word "he" refers to the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Can only be used of a person.

II. HAS DIVINE ATTRIBUTES OF PERSONALITY.

A. HAS A **MIND** (**Rom. 8:27**).

1. Inspired the New Testament (**Eph. 3:3-5**).
2. Has the power to know and search out knowledge (**1 Cor. 2:10-12**).

B. HE HAS **VOLITION** - POWER TO CHOOSE & DECIDE.

1. Paul's guide(**Acts 16:6-10**).
2. **1 Cor. 12:11**. Who has what gift?
3. **Acts 21:11-14**.

C. POWER TO **LOVE**(**Rom. 15:30**).

D. **INDIVIDUALITY**(**John 16:7-15**).HAS CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD.

1. Life(**Job 33:4**).
2. Light(**1 Cor. 2:9-12**).
3. Love(**Rom. 5:3-5; 8:26f.**).

E. **INFLUENCE**(**Luke 24:46-49**).

1. **Acts 6:3**. *He doesn't control in the sense that*
2. **2 Cor. 13:14**. *choice is taken away. Influence is not*
3. **Eph. 5:18**. *mystical force or power. It is not*
4. **Gal. 5:25**. *intuitive. It is clear.*

III. ABILITIES OF THE SPIRIT.

A. **1 Tim. 4:1**. HE **SPEAKS**.

B. **John 15:26**. **BEARS WITNESS**.

C. **Rom. 8:26-27**. **MAKES INTERCESSION**

D. **1 Cor. 2:10-11**. **SEARCHES**.

E. **Acts 16:6**. **FORBIDS**.

F. **Eph. 4:30**. **SORROWS**.

IV. HAS FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

- A. INVOLVED **IN CREATION**(**Gen. 1:2, 26**).
- B. JOINS WITH HIM **IN OUR SALVATION**(**Mat. 28:19-20**).
- C. **KNOWS GOD'S MIND**(**1 Cor. 2:11**).

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN NAMES.

- A. GOD AND JESUS GIVEN NAMES THAT DESCRIBE.
 - 1. God is called Jehovah, the Father, the Lord, the Ancient of Days, etc.
 - 2. Jesus is called by over 200 names.
- B. HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN NAMES:
 - 1. Spirit of God, the Lord, Truth, of Jehovah.
 - 2. Comforter or Paraclete – Advocate (**John 14:26**).
 - 3. Holy Ghost not used in late trans. - Misleading today.

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS WORKED HARD FOR YOUR SALVATION.
- B. DON'T QUENCH THE SPIRIT BY REJECTING OR BEING UNFAITFUL.