

“Who is the Holy Spirit?”

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Scripture Reading: John 16:13

Introduction:

The title of this sermon is very important for the life of a "Christian" and to fulfilling the purpose God created us for. Through this sermon we will highlight a small biography of the Holy Spirit to understand more deeply "*Who is the Holy Spirit?*" The topic of the Holy Spirit is one that is very broad and has many different avenues, but the object today is that through this sermon we have a fundamental base of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to invoke the Wisdom of God upon us, so we can really receive the Message that God wants to teach us today.

Sermon

Many of us have heard others speak of the Holy Spirit, we've heard that He exists, and many understand that He is one of the three parts of the Deity. But my dear Brothers and Sisters only an understanding of the Holy Spirit, is barely scratching the surface and will not help us experience and will never really show the True Power of God through the Holy Spirit.

*There is a difference between Hearing about someone and Knowing someone. The definition of know is as follows:

• **Know** = to be aware of, have an understanding about something, be related to, recognize, have information, **have an experience with**.

I really like the last definition listed of the word "**Know**"; it says **have an experience with**. My dear Brothers and Sisters, this is what truly knowing the Holy Spirit is all about. Having an experience with the Holy Spirit is the only way we can have fellowship not only with the Holy Spirit, but also God and Jesus.

Now that we understand what the word "know" means; why do you think Knowing the Holy Spirit is important? But even more important and more practical for our Christian lives is, how can we know the Holy Spirit. Let us illustrate this with a little exercise.

Illustration:

I will need volunteers that are a newly married couple or the couple that has been married the least amount of time than all of us here. The reason for this is simple, sometimes after many years of being married you forget the answers, that I will ask my volunteers today. It should not be like that but unfortunately it happens.

Now volunteers, you both understand the definition of "**knowing**" right? I will ask the Wife first: how it was that you started to really know your Husband. Because maybe you probably heard of Him first from a friend or a relative; but at what point in your dating relationship did you get to know your Husband. What was the method you used?

Now to you Mr. Husband, you have the advantage that you were second to answer, because sometimes men tend not to remember those years as quickly as boyfriend and girlfriend. It's your turn to answer the question. There are several ways to begin to get to know someone; perhaps you called by telephone, wrote to each other, sent her an e-mail or text. Maybe you asked others about the character of the other person, probably even spoke with their families to know more about the history of your partner.

But the main way I think you really got to know your spouse on a deeper level was: to talk face to face with him or her, spend time together, going out together, share things together, good and sometimes bad. These are some ways we can relate better with our partner. For those of you who think this sounds weird, here are some of the secrets to make your marriage last for many years, take notes. Thank you to my volunteers.

To Know someone, one way or another you had to know their life history. Yes, or No? My dear Brothers and Sisters when it comes to the Holy Spirit it's the same way. Jesus Christ and God himself want to know you more deeply, they want a Relationship with each of you. But in order to begin to have a Relationship with the Holy Spirit we need to know the history of the Holy Spirit.

And where can we find His history? The Bible is one place, but the place that we often forget about is Nature. Ask yourself this, where was it that Jesus in his childhood got to know and started to have a deeper Relationship with God, it was THROUGH the Holy Spirit? It was Nature my dear Brothers and Sisters.

The Holy Spirit has played an important role for Humanity, and it remains important for us today, but unless you make a conscious effort to Know and Understand **"Who is the Holy Spirit"** we will never understand the true meaning of what Jesus Christ did on the Cross on Calvary.

**"It's the Holy Spirit that makes the Blood of Christ
effective in our lives"**

When someone wants to truly Understand or Know someone, they first seek their history, or try to obtain more information about that person? Today we will review with you a brief biography of the role that the Holy Spirit has had from the beginning of Creation and forward to the end of time. Let go to **Genesis 1:2**.

"And the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the abyss, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." NKJ

Here we see the Holy Spirit involved in the Creation of planet Earth. The Holy Spirit is always present right before the Power of God is manifested. We see the Spirit of God very involved in Creation. Let's go to **Verse 26** of **Genesis**.

"Then God said, Let us make man in Our image, after our likeness: and let him have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of heaven, the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." NKJ

Did you notice the word "us" referring to the Deity or Trinity which includes the Holy Spirit. The word Trinity by definition means:

- **Trinity** = three people or things working as one or in a group.

I John 5:7 tells us: ***"Father, Son (Word) and Holy Spirit are one and work as ONE."*** The Bible reveals that the Holy Spirit is a person, not an impersonal force. The Holy Spirit is a person as shown in the following quote from **John 16:13, 14**.

Verse 13: ***"But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to the truth, for He will not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.***

Verse 14: ***He shall glorify me: for he shall take of Mine and declare it to you.***

As we can see in these texts the Holy Spirit has His own personality and function, but still working together and united with Jesus Christ and God. The best way to understand the Truth about God the Holy Spirit is through Jesus. The FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit could not be KNOWN until Jesus fulfilled his Mission in the Plan of Salvation.

This is the reason why in the Old Testament, the work and role of the Holy Spirit is not as pronounced. Yet the role of the Holy Spirit is reflected throughout the Bible for the inspiration He gave its Authors to write it. The Spirit gave to those authors the anointing and inspiration to write the words of God.

It wasn't until Jesus became Human for us that we could see the Work and Power of the Holy Spirit. **Luke 1:35** tells us.

"The angel answered and said, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore, also that holy one which shall be born, shall be called the Son of God." NKJ

The works of God are associated with the Holy Spirit. The Incarnation of Christ through the Holy Spirit was the first step in implementing the Plan of Salvation. The Holy Spirit was what began to put everything in motion and had a very important role to play now that Christ had become Human in order to save us.

In the New Testament we really see the Mission of the Holy Spirit unfold and become more defined. We see the specific instructions from God that Jesus and John the Baptist were not to go and learn from the rabbinical schools that the Pharisees had corrupted. They had a concept of God based on religion, instead of having a concept of God based on a Relationship with God.

I find it so interesting that the two Men who had the greatest Mission to complete for God, were not educated by religion and the World; but were educated by the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit that confirmed to Christ as a twelve year who He was and whose He was when he preached and taught in the synagogue. He told Mary and Joseph ***“why were you worried; I was doing my Father’s work”***.

It was the Holy Spirit that taught John the Baptist in the wilderness. It was also the Holy Spirit that helped John the Baptist preach ***“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”*** his entire life.

In **Matthew 3:16, 17** we see when Christ came to John the Baptist to be baptized and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of dove confirming Jesus as the Messiah. When Christ was baptized by the Holy Spirit it confirmed also the beginning of His Ministry.

It tells us in **Matthew 4:1** that Christ was led by the Spirit into the desert to fast and pray. It was also the Holy Spirit which was with Christ when He was being tested by satan.

Throughout Christs’ entire Ministry it was the Holy Spirit that was with Him and helped Him to be connected to God the Father. It was the Holy Spirit that gave Christ access to God’s Supernatural Power. It was that connection to God through the Holy Spirit that kept Him in constant Communion with God. It was the Holy Spirit that helped Christ ***“KNOW”*** who God was, and who Christ was in the eyes of God. **Because Christ got to know God, He began to have an experience with God on a daily basis.**

It was through that connection with the Holy Spirit that Christ was able to perform all the Miracles that He did during His entire Ministry. Many people think that He performed all of those Miracles because He was the Son of God.

That would be an incorrect assumption; because He was 100% human and 100% Divine, but He chose NOT to use His Divinity in any way, because then satans argument that God’s Law was unjust and that no Human could ever follow it would be true. He needed to live a sinless life as a Human so that Humanity could be saved through His Sacrifice.

We are ALL capable of doing the same things as Christ did and more, but what we lack is a true understanding of the Holy Spirit. We fail to realize that truly knowing the Holy Spirit will help us to experience God’s Power in our lives. My dear Brothers and Sisters it was through the Power of the Holy Spirit that Christ did what He did.

The greatest pain Christ felt on the Cross wasn’t from the Physical torment He went through, but it was when God turned away from the scene on Calvary and the Spirit of God withdrew. It was the disconnection from God that hurt Christ the most on the Cross. It was the Power of the Holy Spirit that helped Him endure the torture He was subjected to.

It was that same Power that raised Christ from the Grave as well and resurrected Him into a Victorious Savior. Before He ascended back to the Father He left His Disciples two very important promises, the **First Promise** is found in: **John 14:16**.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever” NKJ

The **Second Promise** is in: **Matthew 28:20**.

“And lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the World.” NKJ

Christ is not with us Physically, but He shall always be with us through His Holy Spirit. Spiritually we will always have Christ with us. My dear Brothers and Sisters, knowing ***“Who is the Holy Spirit”*** is the most important factor in our Christian lives.

Christ gave His Disciples and us the Gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost as referenced by **Acts, Chapter 1**. He baptized them with Power from God, which immediately was made evident by Peter’s first recorded sermon and the fact that thousands accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Christ has left the Holy Spirit to continue to aid us in preaching the True Gospel of the Kingdom.

Yet I have been to churches that consider it taboo to speak and teach about the Holy Spirit; and the interesting thing is, those are the churches that lack the Light of Christ. The only sin that will not be forgiven is to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit; but I believe in NOT speaking and teaching about Him we are blaspheming against the Holy Spirit and rejecting the Blood of Christ.

I am asking you to consider this Message and realize that the Holy Spirit has been involved in every aspect of the Plan of Redemption; and it’s the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin today and until Christ comes again in Glory it’s the Holy Spirit that seals our Salvation. Ephesians 1:13.

In Closing

Brothers and Sisters, its real simple if you want to have God real in your life, get to KNOW the Holy Spirit. If you want to have a tangible experience with God, get to KNOW the Holy Spirit. If you want to exercise your rights as a child of the Most High God, get to KNOW the Holy Spirit. If you want to be blessed and see God’s Favor, get to KNOW the Holy Spirit.

It’s only through the conversion Power of the Holy Spirit that we can ever fulfill God’s Plan for our lives. It’s the Holy Spirit that will lead us to all Truth. It’s the Holy Spirit that will guide us, teach us and instruct us. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we can ever walk in the Fullness of Christ.

Altar Call

Take the time to get to KNOW God through the Holy Spirit. Speak to Him through prayer. Read His letters to you by reading His Word. He desires to have a Relationship with you. He loves you so much that He sent His only Son to be beaten and die a horrible death; all so that you could choose to be connected to Him one day. Christ left us the Holy Spirit so that we would know that He will be always with us no matter what you’ve done in your life, HE LOVES YOU, will you today choose HIM.