The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Understanding the Person, the Purpose, and the Power of the Holy Spirit

Joh 16:12 - 15

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The Holy Spirit As Person

• Two weeks ago, we started the series titled “The Personality of the Holy Spirit. On that Sunday we focused on why we need to know about the Holy Spirit.

• This morning we shall begin to look at THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A PERSON

• One of the greatest misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit that Satan have used to rob many Christians of the benefits of fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit is not seeing the Holy Spirit as person just like the Father, and the Son.

• Many Christians try to understand the and relate to Holy Spirit based on how they see other people relate to rather than who He is and what the scriptures says he is.

• Many people see The Holy Spirit as very powerful, abstract, force or influence who could be used to accomplish their desires. So even though the Holy Spirit influence things and can exert enormous amount of power and spirit force He is not a force or abstract impersonal power.

• Some Christians see him as substitute for common god’s like Sango, Ogun, Oya and other demons with peculiar cultural names – that can be invoked, sent on errands to fulfill their biddings and receive their commands. But the Holy Spirit is not demon at the whims and caprices of anybody he is God the creator of all things.

• Some others see him like an Angel with special position and power. But the Holy Spirit is not an angel. Angels live outside of your spirit, He lives within you.

• So this morning, we want to look at the scriptural proofs of the Personality of the Holy Spirit or the Holy Spirit as person and enormous benefits we can derive from recognizing Him as a person and relating with him as an intimate personal friend who is always with us, eager and willing to Help us, even though He is God.

• 1Jn 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

• The question is who is the He in you? The Holy Spirit. He is a He not an it. Not just a force but a full blown person you can understand, appreciate, and cultivate a very personal blossoming personal relationship with.
4 Scriptural Proofs of the Holy Spirit as Person

• #1 – Scriptural Proof – Association and Intimate Fellowship Proofs
  The Holy Spirit presented in the word as having deep, collegiate association and intimate fellowship between entities of same class. He is presented in scriptures consistently on the same level with God the father, God the son in situations of joint thoughts, reasoning, decisions, and fellowship.
  1Jn 5:7  For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.
  Gen 1:26  Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
  The reason man is person that can fellowship with the God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is that it only man that was created with the exact same unique material possessed by the trinity: The Spirit, and the Soul.

• Of all the creations of man it only man that have Spirit along with a soul just like the three members of the trinity.
  In Genesis, God comes down in the cool of he day to relate and fellowship with Adam. Similarly, the first and primary desire of the Holy Spirit in your life is have fellowship with you. To cultivate a blossoming friendship and understanding at a deep level of intimacy

• His purpose is to empower you and make you Holy through love and intimacy rather fear and legalism.

• When the only time you talk to parents, they may respond to you from a sense of obligation, but you will not always have the best of them.

• When the only time you talk to your spouse is when you need something from them, they feel hurt even though they may respond to you. You will not get the icing on the cake.

• When you do not relate with the Holy Spirit as person and cultivate, regular, intimate, fellowship with Him, when you go to him only when you are in trouble or when you need urgent solution to your problems, you will not get the desired best.

• The regular communion of the Holy Spirit will continually deepen your love for God, and ultimately release you into uncommon grace and favor of the lord Jesus Christ.
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• # 2 – Proof – The Personal Pronoun Proof
  • Every where the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the scriptures, especially in the New Testament, he is clearly referred to in the personal pronoun used for a person.
  • Joh 14:16 - 17, 26
    • And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
  • Joh 14:17  the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ....
  • Vs 26  But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
  • Joh 15:26  "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
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  • What is the implication of Jesus referring to The Holy Spirit Consistently with personal pronoun?
    • First it shows the level of understanding, respect and Recognition He gives to the Holy Spirit in life and Ministry. And if you will like to have his kind of results in your life, ministry and business, you cannot accord the Holy spirit less respect and recognition.
    • Many Christians think the Holy Spirit is tongues or speaking in tongues. But is a gross misunderstanding of his personality.
    • When you are asked to receive the Holy Spirit, you are not be asked to receive a force or a tongue mover. You are being asked to receive a person.
    • The Holy Spirit have been around on earth from the day of Pentecost. He will remain around until rapture, but he will not bulldoze or force Himself into anybody. He needs your permission to come into your spirit and dwell as person to be related to
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- The Holy Spirit is not tongues or speaking in tongues. He is a person, who dwells within you, but have the capacity to give utterances or language for direct communication with the realm of the spirit which you may or may not verbalize. He will not force it on you, He will give it to you, you will receive it by faith and open your mouth and He will fill it.

- Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (The Person) and began to speak with other tongues (The People), as the Spirit (The Person) gave them utterance.

- You need to separate between the responsibility of the people and the person of the Holy Spirit.

- After the day of Pentecost, when the person called the Holy Spirit arrived the scripture never used the word tarry or seeking for the Holy Spirit. The Only phrase used from that moment on is Receive the Holy Spirit.

- Act_2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- ct 8:14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

- Act 8:15 - 17

- who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

- Act 8:16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Act 8:17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- Act_19:2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

- He is a person, he is here, he will remain here, but He will not impose himself on anyone, He must be invited, he must be given permission to come as an honorable and royal personality into your life after you are born again.

- You do not need to tarry again or seek him for 10 years. Just ask in faith and He will come in. He has been waiting for you.
Another very important thing that you need to do with the personal pronoun revelation of the Holy Spirit for those of us who have received Him is that you must hence forth recognized and deal with The Holy Spirit as highly respectable person. Actually exactly as you deal with God the father and God the son.

You language in relating to and dealing with Him must align accordingly.

Words like, Good morning Sir. Hello sir. Thank Sir. I really appreciate you sir quite relevant and will improve your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.