

THEME: TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TEXT: JOHN 16:12-14, I CORINTHIANS 2:10-11, MATTHEW 3:16-17

Introduction

The Holy Spirit is a wonderful person, friend, guide, counsellor and teacher. He was with God the Father and Jesus at Creation, and it was through His power that the commands of God the Father were manifested.

In the next few weeks, we will explore the truth about the personality of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is called God in Acts 5:3-4.

The nature of the Holy Spirit

As part of the Trinity of God, the Holy Spirit has a special nature, which means the unique qualities that describe Him are.

- (i) **Omnipresent:** This means He is present everywhere – Psalms 139:7
- (ii) **Omniscient:** This means He knows all things – I Corinthians 2:10-11
- (iii) **Omnipotent:** This means the Holy Spirit is all powerful – Acts 1:8
- (iv) **Eternal:** This means He is everlasting – Hebrews 9:14

All the distinctive characteristics of personality are attributed to the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

The Holy Spirit is part of the triune nature of God, but the Holy Spirit also has an individual personality. The Bible reveals that the

- The Holy Spirit is a Person – John 16:7-8,
- The Holy Spirit has an intellect & knowledge – I Corinthians 2:10
- The Holy Spirit has a mind – Romans 8:27 & I Corinthians 2:10
- The Holy Spirit has a will – I Corinthians 12:11 & Acts 16:6-7
- The Holy Spirit has emotions – Romans 5:5
- The Holy Spirit speaks – Acts 8:29, 10:19 & Revelations 2:7
- The Holy Spirit loves – Romans 15:30
- The Holy Spirit has feelings, which means He can be:
 - (i) Grieved – Ephesians 4:30
 - (ii) Blasphemed – Luke 12:10
 - (iii) Lied to – Acts 5:3-4
 - (iv) Insulted – Hebrews 10:29

Discussion: Why is it important for us to understand that the Holy Spirit is a personality?

Conclusion

Most believers have heard or come across the phrase, “The Holy Spirit, which is the forgotten person of the Trinity”. We know about the Holy Spirit, but unlike the Father or the Son, we don’t really know who the Holy Spirit is. Our study today is intended to remove the misunderstanding that is held about the Holy Spirit by exploring the questions of the identity of the Holy Spirit, the nature of His character, and how we, as Christians, may come to know and have fellowship with Him. The Holy Spirit has a personality and will not force anything on us, but as we open ourselves up to him, he will teach us to know God and what his will is for our life.

