
“The POWER, Purpose and Presence of the Holy Spirit” Pt. 2

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Goals of this series:

- To gain better insight into the role and function of the Holy Spirit
- To learn how to apply the Holy Spirit in our DAILY walk with God

Review: Pastor’s Opening Thoughts

- I believe the Holy Spirit is GENERALLY misunderstood by believers
- The Holy Spirit has often been connected to emotions
- The Holy Spirit is GENERALLY not viewed as a person like God or Jesus

What role does the Holy Spirit have?

- The “roles” of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

God the Father:

- **Creator and Law Giver**
- **God the Father is primarily seen in the Old Testament choosing and leading the Israelites**

Jesus Christ:

- **The “Son of” God**
- **Jesus Christ: Redeemer, Mediator, Savior and Reconciler**
- **Jesus Christ re-establishes the BROKEN relationship between God and mankind (due to sin)**

Holy Spirit

- **The “Agent” of God**
- **Holy Spirit**
- **Role #1: Our Help/Guide**
- **It’s IMPOSSIBLE to know Jesus Christ and God the Father without HELP! The Holy Spirit is our HELP!**

What role does the Holy Spirit have?

- **New Testament: Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to be our help**
- **John 14:15-17: If you love me keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him or knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**
- **Greek Word for Helper: Paraklete**
- **A paraklete is one who helps by consoling, encouraging or mediating on behalf of another**
- **Console: Provide comfort**
- **Encourage: Give support**
- **Mediate: Stand in the gap**

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Eve (wives) and the Holy Spirit:

- **Both are Helpers! They have SIMILAR roles!**
- **One was created the other is eternal**
- **Both exist because they help to guide others to the TRUTH of GOD, His WORD and Jesus Christ!**

Discussion Time: Acts 9:26-31:

- **Context: Acts 9:20-25:**
- **Saul was converted and began preachig Jesus! Everyone wasn't sure about his conversion!**
- **Acts 9:26: Saul came to Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples but they weren't convinced he was truly saved!**
- **Acts 9:27: Barnabas took a chance on Saul and bought him in**
- **Acts 9:28: Saul went through Jerusalem preaching Jesus!**
- **Acts 9:29: Some tried to kill him**
- **Acts 9:30: They took Saul and sent him off to Tarsus (back to his homeland)**
- **Acts 9:31: The churches EVERYWHERE had PEACE! The people lived in FEAR of the Lord and was ENCOURAGED by the Holy Spirit!**

The Holy Spirit encouraged the people to:

- **Live in fear of the Lord: STAY OBEDIENT**
- **Stay focused on GOD in spite of opposition**
- **Live in peace and be strengthened by God!**

Conclusion:

- **One of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to HELP us!**
- **Without the Holy Spirit it is IMPOSSIBLE to connect with God/Christ**
- **Our RELATIONSHIP with Christ is BASED on the Holy Spirit's help!**



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