

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



LAST TIME

- Doctrine of Christ
- Exclusivity of Salvation Through Christ

THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

- The Holy Spirit.
- Often called the forgotten person of the Trinity.
- Both the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed mention him in passing.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Third person of the Trinity.
- Co-equal with God the Father and God the Son.
- Referred to as God in Scripture.

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

ACTS 5:3-4

ESV

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT...

- The ghost of Jesus.
- The Spirit is a distinct person of the Trinity.

PERSON

- “He” not “it.”
- He is distinct and co-equal.

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting,
the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and
Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

ACTS 13:2

ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Helper, to be with you forever, even the
Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. You
know him, for he dwells with you and will be in
you.

JOHN 14:15-17

ESV

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

JOHN 16:7-15

ESV

GRAMMATICAL PROOF

- Greek word for spirit is neuter.
- John uses a masculine pronoun.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

ROMANS 8:26-27

ESV

DISTINCT

- As a person of the Trinity,
- The Holy Spirit is distinct.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

MATTHEW 28:19

ESV

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

ESV

ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY

1. Eternity
2. Omniscience
3. Omnipresence
4. Holiness
5. Love

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

HEBREWS 9:14

ESV

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O
Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in,
behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high;
I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

PSALM 139:4-7

ESV

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11

ESV

and was declared to be the Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness by his
resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

ROMANS 1:4

ESV

and hope does not put us to shame, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

ESV

RELATION TO CHRIST

- The life of Christ is intimately connected to the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - Conception
 - Miracles
 - Preaching
 - Continuance of Jesus' ministry after his death.

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

LUKE 1:35

ESV

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

LUKE 3:21-22

ESV

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out
demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon
you.

MATTHEW 12:28

ESV

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

ACTS 10:38

ESV

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 4:14-21

ESV

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

JOHN 16:7, 13-14

ESV

ENCOURAGING THOUGHT

“If our Lord needed to depend upon the power and the filling and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out his ministry, how much more do we need to daily depend upon the Holy Spirit as we walk through this life? So it is encouraging to me, I think, as a Christian to see that Jesus himself drew upon and depended upon the Holy Spirit in the same way that we need to. “

WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Creation
2. Divine Revelation
3. Inspiration of Scripture
4. Conception of Christ
5. Regeneration
6. Baptizing and Indwelling Us
7. Source of Assurance of Salvation
8. Enablement of Spiritual Living

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

GENESIS 1:2-3

ESV

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10, 12-13

ESV

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of
Scripture comes from someone's own
interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced
by the will of man, but men spoke from God as
they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 PETER 1:20-21

ESV

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

LUKE 1:30-31, 34-35

ESV

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

JOHN 3:5-7

ESV

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,
if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone
who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him.

ROMANS 8:9

ESV

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were
made to drink of one Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

ESV

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

ROMANS 8:14-17

ESV

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:16-18, 25

ESV

QUESTIONS

The background is a deep blue with a wavy, undulating texture that resembles water or a nebula. It is sparsely populated with small, bright white and light blue dots, giving it the appearance of a starry night sky or a distant galaxy. The overall effect is serene and cosmic.

NEXT TIME

➤ Read:

➤ Defenders 2- VII Doctrine of the Holy Spirit pp.
16-36