

Act 3: The Holy Spirit

*Lift the curtains ...as you prepare
yourself for the true meaning of
Revelation!*

*And the **Spirit of God** moved
upon the face of the waters.
[Genesis 1:2]*



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MESSAGE #3

*Through the Holy Spirit, we experience
the fullness of the Blessed Trinity
individually as three unique persons
and together as one God.*

In **Message #1**, we looked at how God ushered in the Holy Spirit in preparation for His Voice at the onset of creation. In **Message #2**, we focused on how God partnered with the Holy Spirit in creating us. Now, in this **Message #3**, we will see the value of the Holy Spirit in helping us experience the fullness of the Blessed Trinity individually as three unique persons and together, as one God.

So, as we follow this journey, God placed the Holy Spirit in action at creation (Genesis 1:2). He included Him fully in birthing us as human beings (Genesis 1:26). Then, both God (1 Corinthians 2:12) and Jesus (John 14:16) gave us the Holy Spirit to enjoy a full and complete life.

Let us pause for a moment ... isn't our God amazing? He is so perfect in how He orchestrates things. Meticulous to the core!

PART 1

~ God & Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit ~

God gave us the Holy Spirit

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)

But note it is not a gift just loosely given to all. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to those who ‘obey’ God. Those who come to that place Jesus did on the Cross when He said: “Not my will but thine be done” (Luke 22:42).

And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him. Acts: 5:32

Precious One, there is so much out there that seems to glitter like gold but it is all ephemeral. It can be distracting at times when we see others in the world appear to be enjoying luxuries and abundance while having no knowledge of or care about God. Some may even question how the materially rich seem to be happy and have it all while God’s people seem to be in need.

I have heard this so many times in my journey as I travel globally. I will say to you what I have said to many – decide how you define *wealth* and also decide if you want short-term happiness or everlasting joy. The things of this world will never be the true wealth for none of it lasts forever and none of it can give you a peaceful sleep. But when you have the true wealth – the things of God, you not only live each day bubbling with inner joy but you also rest peacefully for He gives His beloved sleep (Psalm 127:2). What will last forever will be a God who is eternal. He is our Alpha & Omega, our Beginning & our End. Let us be willing to commit to and serve Him only. It will return bundles of benefits ... I live these daily.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit by leaving us His greatest gift so that we would not be alone but well taken care of ... what a love! Through this gift He gave to us, we are complete!

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept

him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. John 14: 15-17

Jesus loves us so much that He died for us. At no point will I ever believe that Jesus wanted to die or looked forward to being a martyr. Oh no! It was just *love* that made Him accept and endure this journey. He had a choice of His own – apart from God. He could have refused to sacrifice His life for us. But His love for us and His willingness to do the will of the Father propelled Him forward through what will forever be known as the most excruciating death. Each drop of blood spelled love ... for you and me. Each of us was on that Cross with Him for He knows all things – past, present and future.

It is because of this love, He left the Holy Spirit with us because He knew we would be well. Now that we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit by God and Jesus, we must not only enjoy this gift but understand that nothing will happen without Him. We are dead without His presence (James 2:26). Without Him, it is just a cosmetic life lived on shifting sands ... no lasting stability.

If you want to enjoy solid ground daily then allow the Holy Spirit to anchor you. Be that ship that is steady no matter what storms may beat against it. Take dominion over your life - God gave it to you (Genesis 1:28).

PART 2

~ The Holy Spirit helps me experience the Blessed Trinity individually ~

The wonders of experiencing the Blessed Trinity in its entirety is something that I am still wrapping my mind around. I always knew of the Trinity but as its true meaning started to unfold, life was never the same again for me. It completely transformed my days. Then oh my, as I learned that *each* part of the Blessed Trinity is a *person* with whom I can relate, well ... the joy reached zenith for me.

This gift of understanding is one I wished I had many years ago. But I am learning that God will only reveal to us in His time and when He knows we are ready for further dimensions of Him and His Word.

I read through parts and the whole Bible as many of you have done. Now more than ever before, I trust the Holy Spirit to guide me to a full and complete understanding of the Word. He never fails. Here is some of the guidance that opened my eyes to the *individuality* of the Trinity. Wow ... what a journey! :)

It is important that we understand God is not split into three but He is three persons in one. Each person fully God yet serving a very unique role. This means the other two persons are not out there doing their own thing. No. The three are one working *together* in serving each other and all of us. We see this beautifully in the following scripture:

*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: **for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.***
(John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit will not speak of himself – they work together! It is that corporate leadership of God that is in itself the greatest example of what it means to have a multidimensional leadership working in perfect tandem.

How beautifully to see each part of the Trinity as God:

Father as God: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father (Philippians 1:2); **Son as God:** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13); **Holy Spirit as God:** But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost ... thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. (Acts 5:3-4)

All God! Three in one ...

Three as one dwelling within us, their temple (1 Corinthians 6:19). Our priceless wealth that is incomparable to anything we could ever desire. Through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and as a result of His flawless guidance, we are able to have a relationship with *each* person of the Blessed Trinity.

Come journey with me as we get to know each person of the Blessed Trinity together ...



THE FATHER

Take comfort. You are not an orphan. You are not alone. You are not without a bloodline. You are not without inheritance. You belong! You are a child of God with the same inheritance as Christ.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Romans 8:16-17)

Note the words: ‘if children’. Let’s sip some tea and chat about this for a little while:



Please let us understand that we do not just do whatever we want and enjoy all that it means to be joint-heirs with Christ. No. We must come to that place Christ did at the Cross when He uttered as a true child to a Father: “Not my will but thine be done” (Luke 22:42). He gave up His own will so that He could serve, without reservation, the will and plan of God. This is the cost of sealing our relationship with God as His children. There is a cost!

We are cautioned throughout scripture about that prize we should be after:

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:4)

And how we can reach this calling:

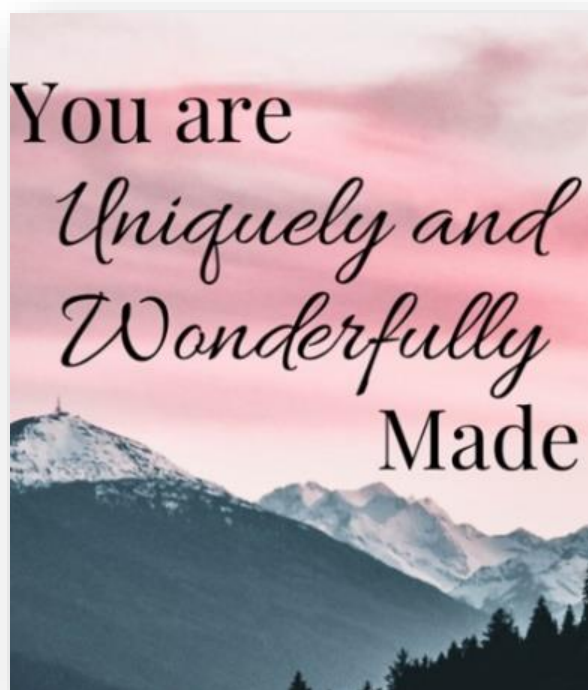
Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:13-14).

There is a cost! It is a life we live for God that is stripped of all that is not of Him. We must be slenderized to enter into and enjoy the Kingdom of God. Let us be mindful of this. God is faithful in guiding us as we clean the temple for Him. A temple for their rest and for their glory.

Our beautiful Christ, our big brother lovingly and selflessly shared with us the oneness He has with God (John 14:20). But He also gave us His life as an example of how we can enjoy our inheritance as children of God. A God who is all in all and who also has a specific function in His Trinity.

We get to enjoy His fullness in us, His authority, His being, His all. He made us in His full image – no less (Genesis 1:27).

In Message #4 of this Holy Spirit series, we will see the depth of what it means to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1 NKJV) as we ‘live’ what it truly means to be born in the image of God as we assume our complete DNA from and with God.



THE SON

With the Holy Spirit's guidance through a study of God's Word, I also learned that we not only belong to a Father who loves us but He also gave us a brother, Jesus Christ, whose example we can follow as, together, we serve our Father.

Why is God's Son, our big brother so important? Because He is our only way to God. There are no back or side doors:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).

He has His own unique and special role in the Blessed Trinity – to bring us salvation and to teach us how to serve God as humans. He became human for this purpose. He was as much man as if He were not God. Oh, if we can see Jesus' journey as our blueprint ... we just have to walk in His steps to life eternal.

In Message #5 of this Holy Spirit series, we will see the depth of what it means to enjoy a daily relationship with Christ.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Aha ... Act 3! :)

As shared before, this third person of the Blessed Trinity does not get full attention hence the name of this series: Act 3 – placing emphasis on the third person of the Trinity. Yet we are totally dependent on Him for our life, for our salvation, for our identity as children of God. For guidance on how to be all that God is as we embrace our full status as being born in the image of God.

We may think that we have access to God directly so why do we need this 3rd person of the Trinity. Or we already have salvation through Christ so again, why do we need the Holy Spirit. We do. We need Him more than ever.

Indeed, the work is done at the Cross: ‘It is finished’ (John 19:30). Jesus answered the call of God to go to the Cross. He responded so that we could enjoy life eternally.

But oh, “It is finished” is *their* end and just the beginning for us. God put a plan in place, and Jesus followed it to the last detail.

Now for us to enjoy all that ‘It is finished’ means, we are totally dependent on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God put Him in place. Nothing will happen outside of Him. ‘It is finished’ is like a golden key placed in our hands with the Holy Spirit holding all the instructions on how to use this key. Without Him, the key is useless to us. We see this in the following scriptures:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2: 9-11)

The Holy Spirit also guided Jesus throughout His time on earth in His human form so Jesus knows the flawlessness of His presence. The healings, the baptism, the miracles all done through and with the Holy Spirit. Remember that in His human form, Jesus could not do these things on His own. He was totally dependent on the Holy Spirit.

God does not just send us, He equips us! God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit so that He could do His work on earth:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

He was born of the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit. Oh, the profound value of the Spirit in the entire work of God. How blessed we are to have His presence in our lives too. We must desire Him. He is gentle and sweet so He will not force Himself on us.

Jesus put the Holy Spirit in place. He loves us and wanted to leave us with the best as He returned to the Father after His death.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he

will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more (John 16: 7-10).

Let us therefore embrace the Holy Spirit not just as an ‘it’ but as a ‘person’. It was precious for me to hear this directly from Him ... *I am a person!* Scriptures support the Holy Spirit as a *person* throughout the ages ... the Holy Spirit is real.

The Holy Spirit speaks

Wherefore as the Holy Ghost *saith*, “Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.” (Hebrews 3:7-9)

The Holy Spirit grieves

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So, I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest (Hebrews 3:10-11). And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

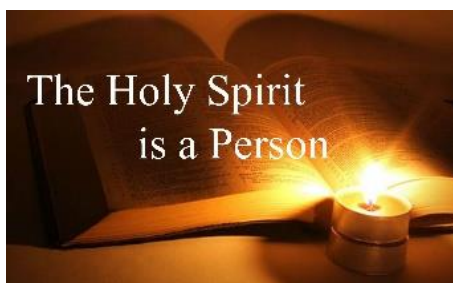
The Holy Spirit as Comforter

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever (John 14:16). But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send

unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me (John 15:26).

The Holy Spirit in fellowship with Us

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen (2 Corinthians 13:14).



We see a previous conversation involving the Father and the Son that further support the individual presence and function of each part of the Trinity. They talked to and about each other:

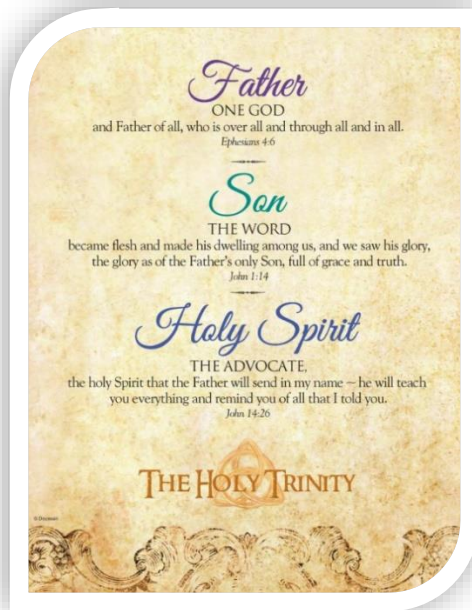
And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:17).

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise (John 5:19).

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me (John 11:41).

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee (John 17:1).

What an honor and privilege to be able to enjoy the Blessed Trinity in parts. Especially, as we get to know, understand, embrace and love *each* person residing within this threesome Godhead.



PART 3

~ The Holy Spirit helps me experience the Blessed Trinity as One ~

Understanding the individual persons of the Blessed Trinity is so precious. Also of value, is knowing that they are a perfect three in one. They work perfectly together as one God, one Father.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son (1 John 5:7-9).

I especially love the scripture below where Jesus made it clear regarding His oneness with God. I also liked how He showed the oneness in how they work three in one – there is no separation:

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow

me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. (John 10:25-30)

We also see here where Christ has the full DNA of His Father – the two are one:

In Him (Christ) all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).

One day while in quiet and once again asking the Holy Spirit to guide my studies of God's Word, I saw this scripture that once again filled my heart. I reflected on the airtight bond between Jesus and God – you know one, you know the other:

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also (John 8:17-19).

May our lives mirror this where the world will see the oneness of our work with God ...

Our Daily Work for God's Daily Walk!

Oh, the wonders of God! It is infinite. Let us press on strong with the Holy Spirit. Be at peace and be encouraged. Focus not on the current state of the world but on that which is yet to come:

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)

God bless you precious one.

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LIVING THIS MESSAGE TODAY

What the Holy Spirit revealed about the Trinity as *individuals* and as *one* greatly impacted my life today. It has completely changed how I view and how I approach each day in general.

Each day, I can sit with the three persons of the Trinity in our *Boardroom* as I listen to and share with them or we just sit in silence enjoying each other's presence. Heaven on earth! This sets my day for me. I leave this room assured of three things about my day:

1. I step into my day knowing fully that I have the authority of God built into my DNA and have been given full dominion over all the earth.
2. I step into my day with Jesus Christ as my model, mentor, leader. Throughout His life on earth, He showed me how I can live today.
3. I step into my day knowing that the fire of the Holy Spirit burns within and throughout me. Once I focus on this, I am guided and enabled to handle anything that comes my way.

Wow, what a way to start our days. Complete!

I also learned that these three persons of the Blessed Trinity work together and seamlessly as one God. As I serve this God, I am covered by all of Him. Each role carries me through my journey in any manner needed to perfect my relationship with God.

I know that God cares so much that He developed these 3 distinct persons and roles so that I too can learn what it is to work as ‘me’ and as ‘we’ based on those He adds to my journey to partner with me for various elements of my life’s purpose. I value each of them.

Prior to the Holy Spirit, readings in the Bible were just nice thoughts, concepts, sayings, lessons and so forth. But through the astute guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am able to enjoy not just the *Written Word* and the *Spoken Word*, but the *Living Word* that fills each of my days with joy that is priceless. Humbly grateful!.

I understand now what it means that I am dead without the Holy Spirit. Without Him, I am like a ship in the dark night trying to find my way without a compass. With Him, the darkest of nights has a light, His light!

~ PERSONAL REFLECTION ~

1. What are five (5) things that stood out to you as you read this Message #3?
2. How do you personally define the Blessed Trinity?
3. What does it mean that there are three (3) parts to the Trinity?
4. How do you view each part as a person?
5. What does it mean to you that the three parts of the Trinity all add up to one single God who reigns supremely in your life?
6. How does this message change your way of thinking?
7. How do you see applying this message to your daily life?



Dear Father,



My heart swells with excitement as I write this message and as I reflect on the reality of each word. I thank you for the joy that I feel right now.

I appreciate you giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us daily so that we can better understand who you are in all of your fullness. Also, we come to better understand ourselves – who we are, what we have and where in us needs to be better perfected so that we can represent you adequately on this earth.

Because of you Father, our days are filled with joy. We laugh as we think of the goodness of your love. What a life with you! Thank you.

Amen

