

# 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 #7

### *How do the characteristics of the Holy Spirit apply to us today.*

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. In **Message #3**, we saw 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. In **Message #4**, we reflected on how the Holy Spirit helps us to *live* our full DNA: born in the perfect image of God (Genesis 1:26). In **Message #5**, we will look at how we can enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. In **Message #6**, we looked at how we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him.

Now in **Message #7**, we will look at how the characteristics of the Holy Spirit apply to us today. Why is this important? Because as we invite the Holy Spirit to dwell in and move within us, we are inviting all that He is. Therefore, it is good for us to understand what this ‘all that He is’ means and how it applies to our lives. This is when it all becomes a reality of who we become through the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in us.

## Part 1

### *The Characteristics of the Holy Spirit as God & Jesus*

In the passage below, we see the Holy Spirit and God referred to interchangeably. Ananias lied to Holy Spirit and in so doing lied to God – the two as one and the same.

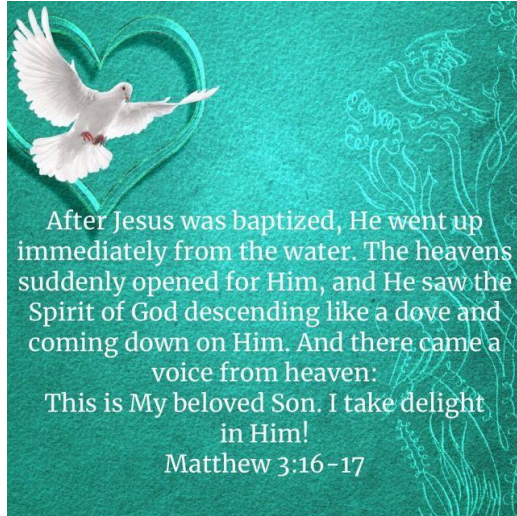
*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*

*Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. Acts 5:3-4*

We too must be aware of this in our own lives. When we lie to the Holy Spirit, we are in essence lying to God – there is no separation.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God – again the oneness of the two. We are told that we are dead without the Holy Spirit (James 2:26). He dwells with us. He quickens our mortal bodies. We are nothing without Him. But we keep Him one with God – without Him, we cannot experience the presence of and oneness with God. We see a beautiful example of this when Jesus was baptized:

*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. Matthew 3:16*



In the scripture below, we see the oneness of the Holy Spirit with God, the Father and Jesus, the Son. One and the same:

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 1  
 Corinthians 12:4-6*

When we describe God, we think of Him as **eternal**, as **omnipresent**, as **omniscient**, as **sovereign**. The Holy Spirit is described as all of these as seen in the scriptures below:

We think of the **eternal life** we gain at the cross where Jesus died for us. We honor Jesus for this. We also see that He this through the Holy Spirit. The two as one and this is so important that we keep seeing the ‘oneness’ of the trinity. They work together.

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrew 9:14*

The **omnipresent** nature of the Holy Spirit that is similar to how we describe God is shared below:

*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. Psalm 139: 7-8*

The Holy Spirit as **omniscient**. He is aligned with God in the verse below. It is so beautiful to see how they serve us in unity. If we, as their children, can learn to work in this type of unity as well:

*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*

We see the **sovereignty** attributed below to the Holy Spirit. The spirit of grace and supplications poured upon the house of David:

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness*

*for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.  
Zech. 12:10*

Dear one, they are one and the same – no separation. We see these through the characteristics of the Holy Spirit that are shared with God and Jesus. They work in perfect tandem. Smoothly, airtightly, meticulously.

We furthermore see the oneness of who the Holy Spirit is through the unison of His work with God and seamlessly so. Oh, you know how much I love this scripture that has become the key verse (v.2) for this entire Holy Spirit Series. God placed the Holy Spirit in His role from the very inception. He represented and acted as God:

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2*

When we think or speak of the writing of the Bible as being of God or as coming from God – we are correct. But note here too, the oneness of this done through and with the Holy Spirit – one and the same:

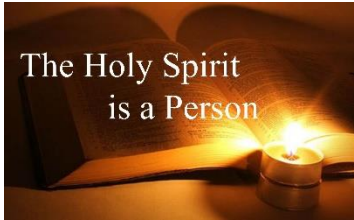
*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:21*

Oh, how the Holy Spirit helps us see the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:4)) and shows us how to call upon Jesus (1 Corinthians 12:13). The three as one.

## Part 2

### *The Characteristics of the Holy Spirit as a Person*

This topic gives me goosebumps!



The Holy Spirit as a Person! Yes, He thinks, He speaks, He grieves, He decides! He is a real person with whom you can chat, someone you can love, someone you can trust, someone you can count on 24/7!

Let us enjoy what scriptures tell us about some of His humane qualities:

**The Holy Spirit is life.** Oh, the life that we breathe daily. Without Him being alive within us, we fail to exist:

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63*

**He is our comforter** given to us for all we could ever need to guide us and to empower us and to motivate us daily:

*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*

**The Holy Spirit bears witness.** He is who we need when so much does not seem clear even as we read the Bible. He adds truth to all that we see and hear. We just need to lean on Him as our faithful friend who is always there – never failing if we call on Him.

*This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 1 John 5:6*

**He speaks.** If we have the right ear, we will hear Him as much as we hear a friend in the natural. He is real. His words bring peace and assurance.

*This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 2 Samuel 23:2*

Oh, **He is so full of love** ... something that the world craves for daily. Don't look further. You have a Beloved Friend who is always with you. Just call on Him. He is so sweet and gentle that He will not impose Himself on you. Invite Him ... He will come :)



*Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me. Romans 15:20*

Oh my, the Holy Spirit knows all things and He searches all things. There is nothing His 20/20 vision does not see. His intelligence surpasses all understanding. What a friend to have in our corner. Is there anything that can happen to us unless He permits? You see how covered you can be if He is in your life?

*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: 10-11*

Oh, dear ones, we can go on and on to talk about the person of the Holy Spirit. Just be assured that He knows all, He sees all, He loves all, He searches all, He guides all, He hears all ... on and on.

Enjoy all that He is. When you make that decision to invite and to embrace Him, you find your life transformed right before your eyes. Others may or may not see this transformation and this is okay. You live for God not man. You are just called to love and serve humans.

## Part 3

### *Other Characteristics of the Holy Spirit*

Let us sit back and relax as we enjoy the many more characteristics of the wonderful third person of the Trinity in all of His fullness and regal attire. What is amazing is that as we invite Him to dwell in and with us, we enjoy these characteristics as well as He moves us from glory to glory. Wow!

#### He is the Spirit of **Truth**

*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:17*

#### He is the Spirit of **Holiness**

*And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. (Romans 1:4)*

#### He is the Spirit of **Faith**

*We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13*

### He is the Spirit of **Promise**

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13*

### He is the Spirit of **Wisdom**

*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. Ephesians 1:17*

### He is the Spirit of **Power, Love & a Sound Mind**

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7*

### He is the Spirit of **Grace**

*Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace. Hebrew 10:29*

## He is the Spirit of **G**lory

*If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part, he is glorified. 1 Peter 4:14*

Oh, as I reflect on these precious characteristics of the Holy Spirit, I stand in awe. So, He is ...

- *Truth*
- *Holiness*
- *Faith*
- *Love*
- *Power*
- *Sound mind*
- *Wisdom*
- *Glory*
- *Promise*
- *Grace*

I am all of these things when I accept their invitation to be one with them (John 14:20). Through this oneness, I am truthful, holy, have faith, loving, powerful, of sound mind, wise, of promise and gracious.

The power and authority God has shared with us as His image bearers - only to and for His glory, not ours!

## Part 4

### *Living this Message Today*

You see why each year becomes my best year? :) Just pause with me awhile and think of what it truly means when the Holy Spirit does the following within us:

**He guides me** into all truth so I am not deceived. Dear ones with all that is circling around us today, we need this truth, this discernment. With Him, I feel that I have my spiritual antennas up so I am protected at all times.

Through **His teachings**, I feel that I am learning each day and moving from glory to glory through this knowledge. It is more than I can express in words. It is like a 24/7 classroom with lessons from one that is flawless. I just have to take time to pause and listen and learn and obey and do.

Through the **inner strength** I receive from His presence within, I feel as if I am on top of the world. I feel fully empowered to fly without limit. He is the wind beneath my wings. I am strengthened while I stand on His shoulders.

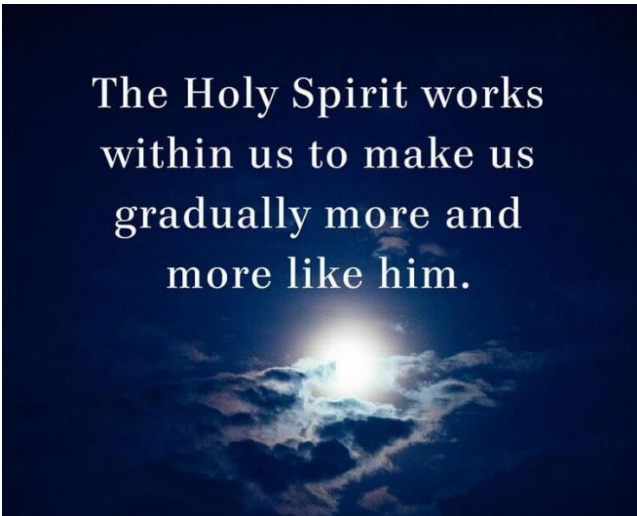
Through the **intimate praise and worship** with Him, I am able to bear fruits for God through all of

my efforts. I am not my own, I am in a relationship and a union that produces.

Through the **many gifts** I receive from the Holy Spirit, I can unfold these daily in my love for and service to others. Without Him, I will have nothing to give. With Him, my cup overflows with goodness and kindness. (Psalm 23:5)

Oh, even **in times of weakness**, He is my strength. I know that I cannot fail because He carries me when I cannot go any longer. He lifts me when I fall. He is all that I need to buoy me up.

What a glorious life with Him. Ohhhhhh ... alleluia!



The Holy Spirit works  
within us to make us  
gradually more and  
more like him.

~ **PERSONAL REFLECTION** ~

1. I have shared my experiences with you.  
How do you experience the Holy Spirit?
2. When did you invite Him to dwell in and with you?
3. If you have not, why?
4. Do you know that He is a real person who listens to you?
5. Do you know that you can just relaxingly talk with Him about any of your fears and concerns?
6. Do you know that He loves you and will be there for you 24/7? When the night is dark and no one sees you. When all else seems in vain. When no one seems to care.



Dear Father,

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. You gave Him who you know we would need to be all that you have created us to be.

Please be with us as we invite this amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> person of your Trinity into our lives. Show us the wonders of His presence that will guide us like no other.

Keep us faithful to you as we learn the things of the heavenlies that enable us to be stable and not moved by things that are not of you.

We just praise your name. You are our God and we are your people. Whatever may be happening around us, we know that we are untouched because of your love and your grace.

We are so honored and privileged to be your children, created for your pleasure. We give our lives to you; we surrender our will to you.

Amen

