

# The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

## INTRODUCTION

*Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. – Romans 8:5*

Why study the Holy Spirit? Is He the forgotten person of the trinity? Or the misunderstood person? Why is the trinity an essential doctrine of the Christian faith?

The three persons of the Godhead must never be divided, but they must be distinguished. We must begin with the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the other two persons in the Godhead.

*“When I think of the One, I am driven to the Three; and when I think of the Three, I am driven to the One.”* Gregory of Nazianzus

Every external work of God is accomplished by all three persons. All three persons act at once, but there is often a distinct operation ascribed to each person.

The Trinitarian Economy: The Father plans, the Son accomplishes, the Spirit perfects.

- Creation (Gen 1:2, Job 26:13, 33:4)
- Incarnation (Luke 1:35, 2:40)
- Baptism of Christ (John 1:33, Isa 11:12, Matt 3:11)
- Crucifixion (Heb 9:14)
- Exaltation (Act 2:33)
- Salvation of Sinners (1 Pet 1:2)

To understand rightly the person and work of the the Holy Spirit, we must think in trinitarian terms. It is when you are union with Jesus Christ, that you receive the work of the Spirit as he worked in the human nature of Jesus Christ. (John 15:4-5)

Jesus Christ must be central to your discussion of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13-14), missing this key point is the root of many errors.

### TRINITY/ HOLY SPIRIT ESSENTIALS

- There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
- The external acts of God are undivided. All three persons are acting although certain acts are sometimes attributed to the one person.
- All of our dealings with God must be seen and understood as trinitarian.
- The primary operation of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers is to drive them unto and magnify the Lord Jesus Christ.
- When the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is divided from the Scriptures, we end up with spiritual mysticism on the one hand or dead rationalism on the other.

**PARISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FALL 2018- SPRING 2019**  
**10:00 AM**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Preschool	Upstairs	Kendra & Alexander Skellenger	Scripture memory
K-1st	Pastor's Suite	Christine & Alan Douglas	Exodus
2nd-3rd	Off the kitchen	Lisa & Jimmy Allen	Joshua
4th-6th	Front lobby	Nae Soundara Brandon Blair	2 Kings / 2 Chronicles Major Prophets
7th-12th	Silva home*	Mike Mastroberti	Old Testament survey
Adult	Main chapel	Elders	The Holy Spirit

\*Meet at church to caravan or dropoff at Silva home  
355 Springhouse Circle, Franklin

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE Fall 2018**

August 12	Intro: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
August 19	The Personality of the Holy Spirit
August 26	Holy Spirit in the Old Testament: Creation, Prophets, OT believers
September 2	Holy Spirit in the New Testament: The Spirit in the life of Christ
September 9	Holy Spirit in the New Testament: Pentecost
September 16	Work of the Holy Spirit in new creation: Uniting sinners to Christ
September 23	PRAYER
September 30	Illumination, Regeneration, Conversion
October 7	Sanctification, Gospel Holiness, The Indwelling Spirit
October 14	The Fruit of the Spirit
October 21	Communion with the Spirit and Experiential Religion
October 28	Natural man vs. Spiritual man compared / Flesh vs. Spirit
November 4	PRAYER
November 11	Extraordinary Spiritual Gifts
November 18	Ordinary Gifts: The Ministry, Means of Grace, the Church
November 25	Ordinary Gifts: The Sacraments
December 2	Word AND Spirit together / Wrap-up
December 9	FLEX WEEK

December 16

*PRAYER*