THE HOLY SPIRIT

The purpose of this study is to examine the person of the Holy Spirit and how we can work with Him in the world today.

Who is He?

What is His Ministry?

How do we work with Him?

As a result of this study we should be able to confidently embrace our role in the earth as ambassadors for Christ and co-workers with Him as Sons of God.

We will also examine the work of the Cross of Calvary And the relationship between Father,Son and Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT

Before we consider the Holy Spirit we must first understand God.

1 John 5: 6-8 (sadly vs 7 is missing from many new translations)

1. THE HEAVENLY WITNESS

1 John 5: 7 "for there are three who bear witness in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, and these three are one."

Witness in Heaven: Father Word Holy Spirit

And these three are ONE. Therefore they are the same / equal.

But we need to understand how these three can be one, how can they be the same?

NOTE: Many Christians present three Christian Gods,- God the Father ,God the Son and God the H/S-, and this is a cause of much confusion among Christians and Non-Christians alike.

The Muslims think we are silly because we present three Gods but they know there is only One, The Hindus think we are silly because we only have three Gods and they have millions.

Are there three Gods or one God? Of course there is only One God and all understanding of GOD must come from the base point of ONE GOD.

This is why Trinity and Triune doctrines create confusion in our understanding of God. These are man's attempts to understand and explain "Three in One" but actually there never was Three in One but rather "**ONE in Three**"

God was, is, and always will be, "One God".

Deut 6:4-9, Mal 2:10, Eph 4:4-6 "One God" (Mark 12:29-32)

And this perfect **witness** of One God is revealed in the Heaven to declare that "God is Real". **The Heavens Declare God**.

One God ,the same Yesterday, Today and Forever. He does not change. No heavenly committee meetings, no having to agree with others, no debating, GOD is GOD and He is subject only to His own Will.

Ps 19: 1-4, Rom 1: 20-23.... "heavenly witness..... "

So let's begin to understand God. ONE GOD

GOD IS FATHER – It is essential we understand that God Almighty is our Heavenly Father. God is not a mystical figure from never-never land.

FATHER - CREATOR * WORD - HIS WORD * SPIRIT - HIS PRESENCE

Let's examine further.

FATHER

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Psalm 89:26 "..you are my Father.."
Isaiah 9:6 "..everlasting Father..."
Isaiah 64:8 "..you are our Father.."
Psalm 68:5 "..Father to the fatherless.."
2 Cor 6: 16-18 " ....I will be a father to you...."
Jesus taught: Matthew 6:9 "Our Father who art in heaven..."
Jesus subjected Himself to the Father John 17:4
When born again our spirit cries "Abba Father" Romans 8:15-17 (note: Gal 4:1-7)
John Chapters 14, 15, 16, 17 have 51 references to the Father
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Jesus - the Word of God - and the Holy Spirit - His presence – all point back to the Father.

<u>WORD</u>

Is the word a miscellaneous noise running around the world? Where does it come from? Let's find out: Be silent for a moment.

Genesis 1: "God said.." Someone has to speak the word. Words do not just appear – they have to have an author.

Psalm 107:20 "God sent His word and healed them"
Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp unto my feet"

John 17:17 "Your word is truth"

(explain Psalm 138:2 "exalt thy Word above Name")

John 1:1-5 The Word with God, the Word is God
The Word is the Life and Light of men

Vs 14 Word made flesh Emmanuel – "God with us", Jesus-"Saviour" "beheld His glory" What glory? C/f Isaiah 53:2 "..no beauty.."

Glory was the Word.

vs 17 Law in the commandments

Heart and Spirit in Word

World believes God is a hard man because they haven't meet the Word.

vs18 Father declared in His Word

God is revealed in His Word (Just as we are – our words represent us!)

His Word = demonstration of the Father.

(explain Jn 4.24 "God is Spirit", John 1:18, 1Jn 4:12)

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HOLY SPIRIT Heb - Ruah, Gr- Pneuma 2 Thess 2.8 "Spirit/breath of His mouth"
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Breath of God Genesis 2:7 "..breathed on him...

Ezekiel 37: 5, 9-10. "..breathe on them.."

Ps 33:6 ".. by Word and Breath of his mouth.."

Presence of God Psalm 51:11 "..cast me not away.."

Anointing of God Acts 10:38 "..anointed of Holy Spirit.."

Power of God Acts 1:4, 8 *"..promise of the Father"*

".. Holy Spirit is come upon you.."

God and His presence are inseparable – Psalm 51:10-11 David's prayer
God and His Word are inseparable – Romans 3:4, Titus 1:2 "..God not a liar.."
Ps 138:2 "exalt Word above Name"

c/- Spirit of Truth Jn 14: 17 and Word of Truth Jn 17:17

Holy Spirit = Presence of God the Father in earth today

Breath of God the Father in earth today

Person of God the Father in earth today

= Spirit of God the Father in earth today

Father in Heaven

Matthew 6:9 "Our Father.." (John 1:18 "God is Spirit, no man has seen the Father, Jn 4:23-24 "God is Spirit..." Colossians 1:15 "God is Spirit...")

Jesus (Word) in heaven

Colossians 3:1-4, Hebrews 7:25 (intercessor), 1 Tim 2.5 (mediator) (c/f Phil 2:5-11 – it was the son of man who rose by the power of resurrection life to be first born "of many", "Name above all names", "Head of the Church" Eph 1:22-23).

Holy Spirit in earth today = the Presence of God in the Earth today

Acts 1:8, Acts 2:17, Rev 22:17 "the Spirit and Bride say come ..."

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NOTE: Father Jn 4: 23-24 (Note Jn 1:18, 1 Jn 4:12)

| Word Jn 14: 10-11 (Note: Jn 14: 28 "...the Father is greater than I....")
| Spirit Jn 16: 13-15
| I Cor 12: 3
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(also explain Blasphemy of the H/S Math 12: 31,32 Mark 3: 28-29)

2. Witness in the Earth

Now 1 John 5: 8 "there are three that bear witness in the earth, the Spirit, water and blood, and these three agree as one.

Let's consider the next part of the scripture.

Remember the witness in Heaven v 7 Father, Word, Spirit – are one But the witness in Earth v 8 Blood, Water, Spirit - has to agree as one

Critical word - "agree" as one.

The witness in the earth is:

Blood Water Spirit - these must come into agreement before there can be a witness.

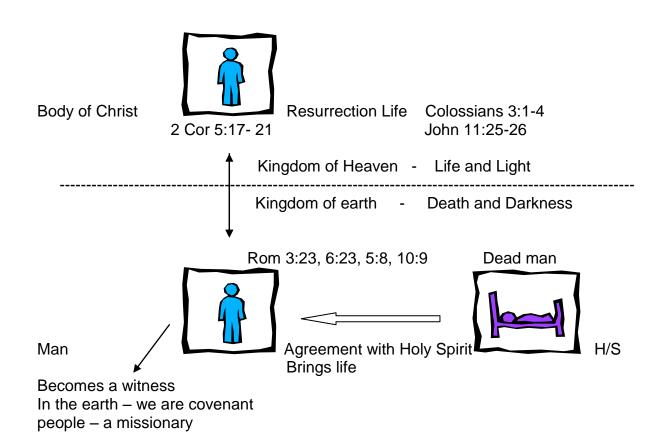
Spirit = Holy Spirit Blood and Water = Human being

Blood and Water (Human) must enter into agreement with the Spirit (God)

God comes to earth to form a covenant with man, who then becomes a witness of His Glory.

No agreement – no witness

Note Jesus life: 1 Jn 5:6 "the Spirit bears witness" Math 3:16 "..H/S came upon Him..." Now Acts 1:8 "..after Holy Spirit come upon you..." we become witness's.



Note: Everything born in the earth is born of Blood and Water and has to come into agreement with Holy Spirit to be a WITNESS of God

Jesus - Mark 1:9-11, 1 John 5:6

You and me – John 3 "flesh is flesh, Spirit is Spirit"

Church – John 19:34 Church born on the cross by "blood and Water" and in

Acts 2:2 came into agreement with H/S.

c/f Heb 12:2for the joy set before Him ... "

Look at these scriptures with the H/S in our lives.

1 John 2: 20 " you have an anointing...."

1 John 2:27 "..anointing abides in you.."

There is a witness of truth – hallelujah.

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:20-22, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, Colossians 3:15, 1 Jn 5:9-13

"I will not leave you or forsake you"
Covenant agreement

3. THE WORK IN THE EARTH

Read John chapters 14-17 as an exercise and see how Jesus was transferring the relationship of the disciples from himself to the Father

Now then, if we are working in the Spirit realm, we must understand spiritual things.

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 Follow another gospel

1 John 4:1 Try the spirits

If we are to co-labour with Him, 1 Cor 3:9, we must know Him and understand what He is doing.

A) How do I know Him?

- Always prophetic edification, exhortation, comfort
 1 Corinthians 14:3 (note: Rev 19:10 Jesus is the Word of Prophecy)
- 2 Always available whatsoever Math 11:28 Always available – whensoever Matthew 28:20 Always available – whosoever John 3:16
- 3 Always Priority is Kingdom of God/ Name of Jesus Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God.." Matthew 4:17 "began to preach the kingdom of God"

Matthew 16:18 "I will build my church.." Phil 2: 9-11 " name above all names ..." " call upon the name of the Lord" Rom 10:13

Acts 4:12 " one name "

4. Always Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 "love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, self control (kindness)

B) Now what is He doing?

Prayer: Intercession and Warfare (Rev 1:5-6 "... Kings and Priests..)

1 Tim 2:1-4

2Cor 10:4

"...if my people" 2 Chronicles 7:14

Isaiah 59:16 "... looked for an intercessor .." "... looked for an intercessor ... Ezekiel 22:30 Note: Jesus the Intercessor Rom 8:34 Heb 7:25 2 Cor 4:4 ".. blinded the minds..." "....wrestle not against..."
".... Not carnal but....." Eph 6:12

"... whatsoever bind on earth.." Math 16:19

"..destroy the works.." (Note Gideon example Judges 6:25-27) 1 Jn 3:8

Math 28:18 Luke 9:1 All Authority comes from God

Good works (Simple acts of kindness, aware of the needs of the people)

".. see good works and Glorify the Father ... " Matthew 5:16 ".... Honourable conduct among the Gentiles" 1 Peter 2:12 " ...Jesus anointed to do Good Works ... ' Acts 10:38 ".. goodness of God leads to repentance ..." Romans 2:4 "... do to these the least of my brethren..."
"... do all in the name of Jesus" Matthew 25:34 Col 3:17

c/f Luke 4:18, Luke 10:37, James 1:27

Note: Intercession and Warfare opens the Mind and Good Works opens the heart. Now we can sow the seed.

Preaching Gospel - Good News.

Mark 16:15

Rom 10:14

".. go therefore ..."
".... how will they know ... "
"...having heard the Gospel, believed ... " Eph 1:13

"... I am not ashamed .." Rom 1:16

A farmer: Buys a field To Harvest

Cleans a field To Harvest Ploughs a field To Harvest Sows a field To Harvest

Its all about harvesting Souls The field is the heart of man We must prepare the heart of man to receive the Word through Prayer, Warfare and Good works

James 5:7 "Patiently allowing the seed to bring forth it's harvest .."

4. UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

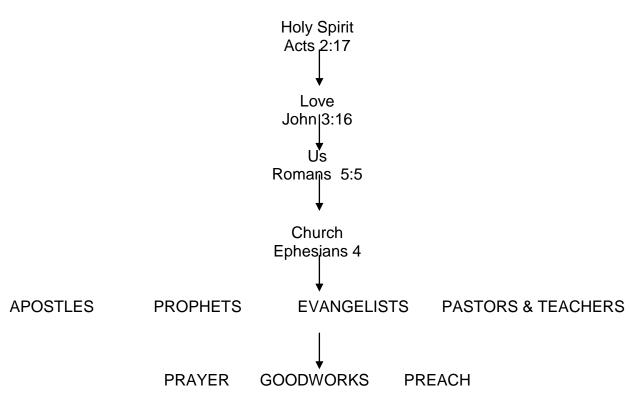
Remember we are co-labouring together with Him.

1 Corinthians 3:9 "..working together.."

Matthew 9:37,38 "..harvest is plentiful, labourers are few"

Mark 16:20 ".. the Lord worked with them confirming the Word....."

WE ARE SUBMITTED TO HIM BY AGREEMENT



Conviction to World John 16:8

Comforter to Church John 15:26



The Church is the Product of Missions
Matthew 16:18 Jesus said "I will build my church.."
Our Commission is then "go ye therefore..."

Holy Spirit = God in earth today

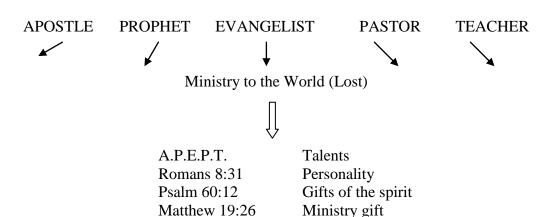
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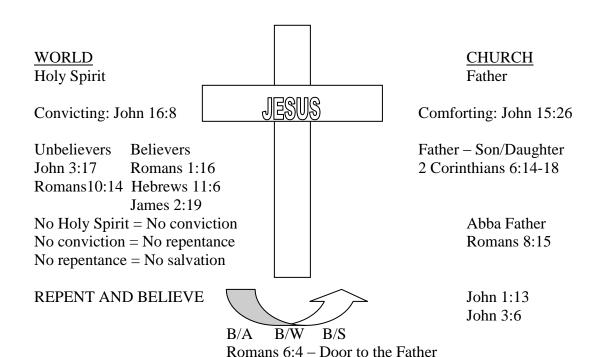
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Convicting – Drawing John 16:7-11 John 12:32 Comforting, Restoring, Leading John 14:16 John 15:26 1 John 2:27

"If I be lifted up on high I will draw all men to myself"

CHRIST (Ephesians 4)





Mark 1:15 Repent and Believe

Matthew 9:13 Sinner to Repentance

Matthew 3:2 Repent kingdom of heaven at hand

John 20:31 Believe

1 John 4:2 – 1 Corinthians 12:3 By Holy Spirit call Jesus Lord

Acts 2:17 "Pour out my spirit" – the beginning of the convicting work of the H/S

WORLD

Wrath of God Holy Spirit Convicting Unbelievers & Believers Romans 10 Romans 1

CHURCH

Father Heart
Father/Comforter
Spirit of Truth/Abba Father

No Holy Spirit = No presence of God

No presence of God = No Conviction

No Conviction = No Repentance

No Repentance = No Salvation

(Sin exposed in presence of God)

Matthew 12:31,32 Mark 3:28,29

Blasphemy of Holy Spirit (c/f 2 Peter 3:9 Heb 6:4-8 Heb 10:26)

Reject God = Reject Holy Spirit Reject H/S = Reject Conviction Reject Convic. = Reject Forgiveness

Convict of Sin/Righteousness/ Judgement

Reject or Yield Reject unto Death (stubbornness Hardness of heart Hebrews 3:8) c/f 1 Sam 15:22-23 Saul Yield unto Life (repentance, Forgiveness John 3:16)

Primary Sin is Unbelief

Fundamental Attitude

- 1 Willingness to obey Isaiah 1:19
- 2 Desire to be in Fathers House (Repentance) 2 Corinthians 6:17
- 3 Trust in the Father Psalm 3:5-7
- 4 Submission to Father Romans 8:15 (discipleship) "If you love me keep my commandments" John 14:15,21,23

Matthew 5:48 "Be ye perfect.." Philippians 3 "Press toward the mark"

Sonship

John 1:12 "become the sons of God" 1 John 2:12-14
"children..son..Father"
James 4:17 "know to so right.. "
Fellowship with H/S Phil 2:1
Communion with H/S 2 Cor 13:14
Peace of God referee Col 3:15
Grieve not Holy Spirit Eph 4:30
Quench not H/S 1 Thess 5:19
(Lie to H/S – lie to God Acts 5)
c/f Heb 3:7, I Jn 5:16-21
Baptism with Holy Spirit
Walk in the Spirit Gal 5:16
Live in Spirit Galatians 5:25

DEATH BURIAL

RESURRECTION