

Fast Facts—Holy Spirit

Speaks of the Father, the Son, but not of Himself—John 16:13

Work of Holy Spirit—STATED BY CHRIST—John 16:8

Reproves Sin, Righteousness, & Judgment

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: At this time, God the Son & God the Spirit (Holy Ghost)—were both spirits and worked together for the Salvation of Man. John 4:24. **ONLY AT THE BIRTH OF JESUS DID THE SON LAY ASIDE HIS ABILITY TO BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE.** That was when the Son became the “BEGOTTEN”. John 1:14)

At Creation—Genesis 1:2 ‘Spirit moved upon the face of the waters...’
Noah—Genesis 6:3, 5, 6, ‘My spirit shall not always strive;’
‘grieved him at his heart;’ one of a few times God uses this example
But Noah ‘found grace’ & walked with God, vs.8
Joseph, Genesis 41:38 ‘...a man in whom the spirit of God is?’
Bezaleel. Exodus 31:3 I have filled him with the spirit of God...
70 Elders, Numbers 11:17-29 ‘spirit (of Moses) to bear the Burdens.’
Joshua, Deuteronomy 34:9 ‘full of the spirit of wisdom’
The book of Judges 3-15 (OT Counterpart of the NT Acts)
David Prophet (a. 1000 BCE) Behaved himself wisely. 1 Samuel 18:5-18
Solomon 1 Kings 3:7-9 Asked for an ‘understanding’ heart to ‘judge wisely & discern between good & bad...’ (the characteristics of H.S.
Prophets Elijah/Elisha 2 Kings 2:9 Double portion of thy spirit...
Daniel 4:8-9; 5:11-12, 14; 6:3. Prophet (a.600 BCE)

In the Old Testament the SPIRIT was urgently trying the hearts of those that were living before the Flood. It appears that for those who loved God and walked and talked to Him, a long life was delightful. But for those that were making choices against God’s Spirit, it seemed they were getting worse by the day. So, in the very first reference in Noah’s time of their worldly response, God announced that their lifespan would be shorted from nearly a thousand years quickly down to 120 years. Noah lived 950 years, Abraham-180 years, Moses-120years, David stated Three Score and 10-to possibly 80 years..

This situation was so critical that the majority were beyond the reach of God—violently choosing their own way. God chose to save the faithful and bring the rest to final destruction, the flood. Why? They tuned out the One Voice that could teach them the way of Salvation—the Holy Spirit (known more in the NT as Holy Ghost)

THE ROLES OF ‘GOD THE SON’ AND ‘GOD THE SPIRIT’
ARE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

VIRGIN BIRTH—THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN:

BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON—ISAIAH 7:14
Mary was impregnated by the Holy Ghost. Matt. 1:18-23. CHRIST JESUS—the Anointed Savior—grew in wisdom & stature...Luke 2:52. He Keeps this body through life on earth and takes his human form as our brother—into the courts of heaven as Our High Priest Heb. Chap. 8 & 9

Speaking to His Disciples, Jesus Christ clearly tells us how to relate to the Holy Spirit/Ghost: As we saw before, 1st He convicts of sin. 2nd If we speak against the Holy Ghost, We Cannot Be Forgiven! Matthew 12:31-32 Yet, if we Speak against Christ, we can be forgiven! “Father forgive them” (Luke 23:34). OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS TWO DISTINCT PERSONS!

Because of the Great Gift of the Father, giving us His Son for 33 years John 3:16-17; and though Jesus is with His Father in Heaven; He still identifies himself with US. Therefore, it is Expedient For both the Father and Jesus Christ to send the Comforter in Greater Power!! Thus, when Christ was Enthroned in Heaven, He Sent the Greatest Gift He could send, The Holy Ghost. He wanted us all to know He was at the Right Hand of the God of the Universe!! This means through His name we Have the Power to do all things!!

[Joseph a type of Christ. Out of prison to 2nd in command, sent gifts to His Family thus assuring them of his great position and power!]

HOLY SPIRIT came where they were sitting; not kneeling, or standing in prayer. Seems to indicate it is a heart preparation that God wants: Not an external show. Also, were speaking languages of those around them. Acts 2:1-47; Joel 2:28, 29; David Psalms 110:1 Sit on my right hand....

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 Followers of us, the Lord Jesus Christ...&Holy Ghost.
2 Corinthians 13:14 Grace of ..Jesus Christ, Love of God, & Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. (All three!)
2 Timothy 2:15. Study to show thyself approved unto God. . .
Acts 17:11 like the Bereans we should study the Scriptures

If one has to search to find an obscure definition of a word that fits their understanding, they most likely do not have the right insight! For God says in John 5:39 ‘search the Scriptures’—not extra Biblical resources. That may be ok, but unnecessary. Acts 17:11

Spirit of Christ=Disposition; character; vital principle; rational: feels & decides.
Holy Ghost/Spirit= Always Co-Eternal with Father & Son; sometimes referred to in a way that emphasizes His personality & character; Sometimes His work & Power; BUT Never referred to in a depersonalized form.