Who Is The Spirit? John 16:12–15

Authority Is From God

Lessons on authority require consideration of Godhead Source of God's Word includes 3 personages Often speak of the Father and the Son Consider the Spirit

Names

Old Testament Spirit of God - Genesis 1:2 Holy Spirit - Psalm 51:11 The Spirit of the Lord - Isaiah 11:2; 61:1 Good Spirit - Nehemiah 9:20 New Testament Holy Spirit/Ghost - Matthew 1:18 Spirit of God - Matthew 3:16 Spirit - Mark 1:10 Holy Spirit - Luke 11:13 Spirit of Truth - John 16:13 Eternal Spirit - Hebrews 9:14 Spirit of Christ - 1Peter 1:11

Godhead

"God" sometimes simply to denote Deity - Colossians 2:9 Godhead - 3 separate and distinct persons/personalities Beginning - Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3 Baptism of Jesus - Matthew 3:16-17 Baptism in name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit - Matthew 28:18-20 The Father anointed The Son with the Holy Spirit - Acts 10:38 ONE yet all three are separate beings. Holy Spirit different from Father yet Holy Spirit is Deity - John 14:26; Acts 5:3-4 Son is different from the Father yet Son is Deity - John 8:16; Hebrews 1:8 Son and Holy Spirit not the same - Acts 10:38 The Father is Deity yet not the Son nor the Holy Spirit - John 20:17

Divine Attributes

He is eternal - Hebrews 9:14
He is omnipotent (all powerful) - Romans 8:11
He is omniscient (all knowing) - 1Corinthians 2:10-11
He is omnipresent (ever present) - Psalm 139:7
His association with the Father and the Son reveals His Deity - Matthew 28:18-20

Works Of Deity

Creation - Genesis 1:2 Christ's birth - Matthew 1:18 Inspired Scriptures - 2Timothy 3:16-17; 1Corinthians 2:4-5,10-13; 2Peter 1:20-21 Reproves/Convicts World - John 16:8 Dwells in the Christian - 1Corinthians 3:16 Agent of Jesus' resurrection - 1Peter 3:18

Personhood

Has the characteristics of an individual person

He speaks - 1Timothy 4:1; Acts 10:19 He testifies - John 15:26 He teaches - John 14:26 He guides or directs - John 16:12-13 He leads and forbids - Acts 16:6-7 He manifests personality He has a mind - Romans 8:27 He has affections - Romans 15:30 He is grieved - Ephesians 4:30 He has knowledge - 1Corinthians 2:10-11 He has goodness - Nehemiah 9:20

Scripture clearly presents the Holy Spirit as an individual personality of Deity

Similar authority and power to Father and Son
Particular role in our salvation, distinct from role of Father or Son
In The Physical Creation.
God (Jehovah) planned it, Jeremiah 51:15-16
The Son (Word, Logos) executed it, John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2
The Holy Spirit assisted in the work done, Genesis 1:1-2; Job 26:13
In the Spiritual Creation.
The Father planned it, Ephesians 1:3-11; 3:9-11
The Son executed it, John 4:34; Matthew 16:18; 1Peter 1:18-21
The Holy Spirit revealing it, John 16:13; Acts 1:8; 1Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 3:1-5
Further lessons will deal with that role, both past and present
Are you in fellowship with the Spirit? - Philippians 2:1; 2Corinthians 13:14
Holy Spirit is only with those who obey! - Acts 5:32

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