

The Holy Spirit & the Trinity

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The Holy Spirit

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*****Why do you think “Counselor” and “Holy Spirit” are capitalized in this passage?

The Holy Spirit:

1. Represents us to God the Father & brings us to Him.

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.—Romans 8:16

2. Reveals Jesus to us as our highest authority.

No one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.—1 Corinthians 12:3

3. Shows us the reality & seriousness of our sins, but he does not condemn us.

*When He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment—
John 16:8*

*****Can someone tell me in their own words what sin is? (Something that comes between us & God, separates us from God—use a piece of paper as a visual.)

4. Gives us revelation & wisdom.

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

5. Helps us to pray.

For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.—Romans 8:26

The Holy Spirit is not only a gift from God, but a part of God that lives inside us and guides us.

When he, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears, he will speak; and He will tell you things to come. —John 16:13

*****Do you think you can have the Holy Spirit in you if you aren't a Christian? Why?

The Holy Trinity

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.--
Matthew 28:19 & 20: (The Great Commission)*

*****Why doesn't it just say “baptize them in God's name?”

“Three in One”—there are 3 beings in our 1 God

1. God the Father
2. God the Son (Jesus)
3. God the Holy Spirit

Two examples/metaphors for the Holy Trinity:

Water: It's one substance, yet it can take on 3 different forms:

1. A liquid/water (which like God, we can't hold onto with our hands, & we may not be able to explain a lot of the behaviors or properties of liquids, just as we can't explain everything about God)
2. A solid/ice (Something we can touch and pick up, just as Jesus came to us as a "tangible" solid—a person)
3. A gas/vapor (Like the holy spirit—we don't always see it, and it seems very intangible, but it's there, nevertheless, and it's still a form of water—just as the Holy Spirit is a form of God)

The Sun: Is one thing—a star, yet you can break it into 3 parts—

1. The star(sun) itself—in this metaphor, would represent God the Father
2. The light that the sun emits—the sun's rays reaching the earth, just as Jesus, who says "I am the light" (God, the Son), came down to Earth for us to see.
3. The Heat—represents the Holy Spirit, we don't see it, but we can feel it inside of us, as God's perfect love.

Romans 5:5

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit connects us to God the Father and Jesus the Son.

It's because the Holy Spirit unites us to Jesus that we can honestly say the price for our sin has been paid.

God the Father: Creator, Perfect, Needs justice for our sins, provides us with a Savior (redeemer)

Jesus the Son: God made flesh, comes to us in human form, offers himself up as a sacrifice for the redemption of our sins, bears the punishment so we do not have to.

The Holy Spirit: Communicates to us the price of our sins and that it has been paid by Jesus.

*****Can we still be Christians if we don't have the answers to a lot of questions about God and Christianity?

The concept of the Holy Trinity can be very mysterious and difficult to explain or even to understand, but this shouldn't really surprise us very much, because God is omnipotent (all-powerful) and omniscient (all-knowing), and being the creator of everything, is not likely to be completely understood by us. We can understand bits and pieces of God, but it would make sense that there are some things about God that we will never understand here on Earth.

I don't know all the mechanics behind how my car runs, but I'm still not afraid to drive it, and even though I don't know exactly how it works, that doesn't stop it from working. In that sense, our Bible is our manual for life, it explains to us what God wants *from* us, and what he wants *for* us, and what he is like.

*Farmer--saw the winter was so harsh that the birds were freezing to death. Leaves barn door open to save them. They don't understand/won't go in, therefore they keep dying. The farmer says "if there were only a way I could tell them to go into the barn for shelter. If I could become a bird, I could save them". This is what God did for us by having Jesus come to Earth.

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Some of the things the Holy Spirit does for us:

He comforts us

He convicts us (but does not condemn us)

He enables us to obey God

He guides us

He teaches us

He gives us power & strength & renews us

He gives us spiritual gifts

He sanctifies us (clears the slate, gives us a fresh start)

He helps us to pray

He brings us to Jesus & to God, and God to us

He helps us to have humility

He can give us the words we need

He gives us knowledge, understanding, revelation, wisdom

He assures us that we are God's children

He reveals the things of God to us

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The Holy Trinity

*God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit

*Three in one

*Metaphor of the Trinity as the Sun (the sun, the light, and the heat)

*Metaphor of the Trinity as Water (solid, liquid, & gas)

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