THE "HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN" SERIES

ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN YOU - PART 1

A SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, HOLINESS AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.

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Romans 12:1-2

I beseech (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy**, **acceptable** to God, *which is* your reasonable service. **:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

so tonight we're continuing on in our series but this time -with a very special topic before us, and that is "what the Bible has to say about you and I and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit is a Profound yet Fundamental Teaching in the Scriptures.

The Holy Spirit Himself Appears to us first in

Genesis 1:2

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come.

Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

The Trinity of the Godhead is Revealed in the Bible

Acts 17:29

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone,

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Even still - - there is "too often" a disconnect between the believer and God the Holy Spirit

And yet it is the Holy Spirit Himself. That is dwelling inside of you, at work with you, all for you !!!

Romans 8:9

But you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to God.

"How Do We GET From Here To Heaven"

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN YOU

1.) Who is the Spirit of God?

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit (1) of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit (2) of wisdom and (3) understanding, The Spirit (4) of counsel and (5) might, The Spirit (6) of knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD.

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The Number Seven Can Be a "Symbolic Number" in the Scriptures Indicating Perfection or Completeness.

The First Thing First is; "He" is "Who" He "is".

The Bible, without exception, uses personal pronouns to Describe the Spirit of God.

He, the Holy Spirit. Him, the Holy Spirit

His Attributes Revealed in Scripture are **The Exact Same Attributes** of Those of The Father and of The Son.

His Eternity / His Power / His Righteousness / His Anger / His Love / His Justice / His Characteristics

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word**, and the Holy **Spirit**; and these three are one.

What The Spirit of God Is Not

He is not an "It" / He is not a "force" / He is not an "Influence" He is not a created being / He is not a lesser god

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1a.) He is God the Holy Spirit

over 100 times in the Bible He's referred to as the "Holy" Spirit.

The Holiness of the Spirit

Psalm 51:11

Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Holy qodesh, ko´-desh; from 6942; your hallowed one, your sacred one, the "sanctuary" spirit

This Holiness is His Untainted Perfection – Purity!

Habakkuk 1:13

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness.

There is a "Special Ministry" here implied – not the Holy Son, not the Holy Father, but it is the Holy Spirit – a place of special ministry!

It is the Holy Spirit that Imparts Holiness to the person who trusts in Christ.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1b.) He is God the Teaching Spirit

The Teaching Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Is front and center in the opening moments of the New Testament Gospel

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. :26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Acts 1:16

"Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

Luke 12:12

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

When the Holy Spirit is at Work // He will use the word of God

#1 reason why you should be reading your bible —

It's the language of the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, :15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. :16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, :17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1c.) He is God the Empowering Spirit

The Power of the Holy Spirit is what changes us into men and women of God

Micah 3:8

I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD,

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Ephesians 1:19-20

For this *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, **according to the working of His**mighty power :20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead

John 7:38

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." :39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1d.) He is God the Discerning Spirit

The **Discerning** of the Holy Spirit

Within The Church

Ephesians 4:29-31

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **:31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Outside the Church

Matthew 12:31-32

"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. **:32** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

In the Old Testament

Isaiah 63:9-10

In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old. :10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them and became their enemy,

And He fought against them.

In The New Testament

Acts 5-1-5

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. :2 And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. :3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? :4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." :5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1e.) He is God the Guiding Spirit

The Instructing / Leading of the Holy Spirit

When We Pray and Seek The Lord – He Responds...

Zechariah 4:6

So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but **by My Spirit**,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Mark 13:11

But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Luke 2:25-26

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. :26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

His Instruction & Guidance Can Be Refused

Acts 7:51

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears!
You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

1f.) He is God the Awesome Spirit

The Reverence of the Holy Spirit

awesome as in terrible as in awe-inspiring

This is Awesome to me

Genesis 1:2

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This is Awesome to me

(the cohesion of God and man in the persona of Jesus Christ)

Matthew 1:20

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

This is Awesome to me

2 Peter 1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

This is Awesome to me

John 3:6-8

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. :7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' :8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

This is Awesome to me

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. :27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

This is Awesome to me

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

