

The Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit as Creator

Giving of the Spirit

WEEK 2



Review: Why is it so hard?

- The subject is difficult
- The subject is mysterious
- The matter has fallen under contempt and scorn

Review: Why should we study this?

1. Important to understanding salvation
2. Vital to Christian life
3. See OT/NT relationship
4. To defend it from scorn and error

Review: Proving Personality

- Spirit has Personal Properties (Will, Wisdom, Power)
- Spirit has Works
- Seen in sign of baptism of Christ
- Seen in the covenant

Review: Spirit is God

He is Called God

He has Divine Attributes

- Eternity (Hebrews 9:14)
- Immensity (Psalm 139:7)
- Omnipotence (Micah 2:7)
- Omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10-11; Acts 1:16)

Holy Spirit in Creation

God is Triune

What does that mean?

- All the actions of God are the actions of each Person of the Trinity

Why is that the case?

- The Trinity cannot be divided

What is the consequence?

- Since the Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, He is involved with all God's works.

THE TRINITY



Emphasis Within the Trinity

Father

➤ Works of Nature or Origination

Son

➤ Works of Obtaining Grace

Holy Spirit

➤ Works of Applying Grace

The Work of Creation

Father

- And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them" (Acts 4:24)

Son

- All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:3)

Holy Spirit

- The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)

Concluding Work of Spirit

Within Trinity, the concluding, completing, perfecting acts are ascribed to Him

- Most hidden and Mysterious acts
- Without Him no work of God is complete
- Generally speaking:
 - The Father originates (Rom. 11:36)
 - The Son establishes and upholds (Col. 1:17; Heb 1:3)
 - The Spirit finishes and perfects

Holy Spirit in Creation

Heaven and angels

- By his wind the heavens were made fair; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent. (Job 26:13)



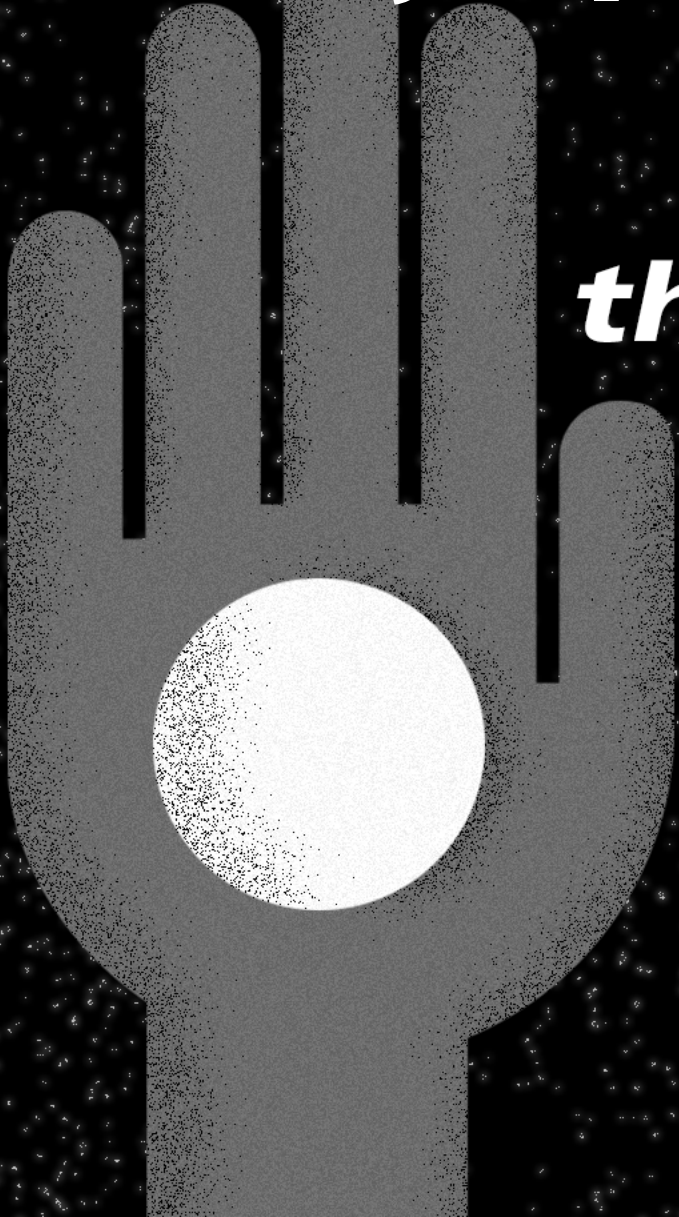
Holy Spirit in Creation

*When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,*

***the moon and the stars,
which you have
set in place,***

*what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?*

PSALM 8:3-4



Holy Spirit in Creation

Heaven and angels

- But if it is by **the finger of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you (Luke 11:20)



Holy Spirit in Creation

Heaven and angels

- But if it is **by the Spirit of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
(Matthew 12:28)



Holy Spirit in Creation

Earth and Creatures

- The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God was hovering over** the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)
- When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,** and you renew the face of the ground. (Psalm 104:29-30)

Holy Spirit in Creation

Man

- Life giving principle that was added to the dust was the breath of life (Genesis 2:7)
- Christ in the work of the new creation breathed on His disciples (John 20:22)
- The restoration of the image of God is the work of the Spirit: Mind, Will, Disposition to obey God

The Giving of the Spirit

Giving of the Holy Spirit



- **Given by God**
- **Sent by God**
- **Ministered by God**
- **Put upon Men**
- **Poured Out**

Given by God

Authority

- No one can give but His own

Freedom

- We contribute nothing
 - *For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? (1 Corinthians 4:7)*
- It is a privilege and advantage
 - *Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)*
 - *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7)*

Given by God

Bounty

- The importance is not the gifts but the graces (Matthew 7:22-23)
- On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Matthew 7:22–23)
- whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (Titus 3:6)

Sent by God

Promised

Accomplished

Refers to His Special Work, not location

BUT THE
HELPER,

the Holy Spirit,

WHOM THE FATHER
WILL SEND IN MY NAME,

he will teach you all things



BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE
ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO YOU.

John 14:26

Sent by God

Accomplished

- Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. (Acts 2:33)
- And because you are sons, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts**, crying, “Abba! Father!” (Galatians 4:6)

Refers to His special work, not location

- **Where shall I go from your Spirit?** Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! (Psalm 139:7–8)
- even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for **he dwells with you and will be in you**. (John 14:17)

Ministered, Put Upon, Poured Out

Supply, Minister to, Add to

- Does he who **supplies the Spirit** to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— (Galatians 3:5)
- for I know that through your prayers and **the help of the Spirit** of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, (Philippians 1:19)

Put On, Place, Establish

- Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have **put my Spirit upon him**; he will bring forth justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1)
- And I will **put my Spirit within you**, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.” (Ezekiel 37:14)
- “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will **put my Spirit upon him**, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. (Matthew 12:18)

Ministered, Put Upon, Poured Out

Poured Out

- he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he **poured out** on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (Titus 3:5-6)
- For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour my Spirit upon** your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.
(Isaiah 44:3-4)



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HOLY Spirit

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

NEXT WEEK