

The Master's Baptist Church: Sunday Adult Bible Study

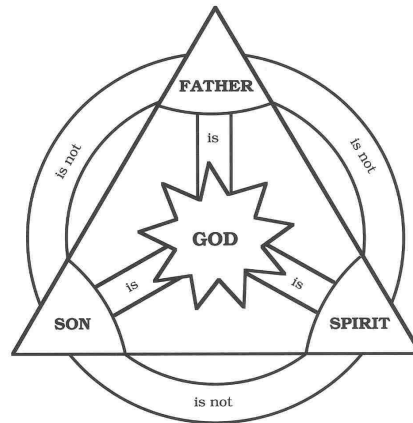
Thinking Biblically About Our Beliefs

Summer 2023

Part 2.3 – God the Holy Spirit

With this series, before you start each part, I want you to think to yourself, “If someone on the street came up to me and asked me why I believe what I believe about God, the Bible, and my Christian beliefs, how would I answer them? Do I have loaded in my head the Scriptures to back up my fundamental Christian beliefs?”

Part 2: Theology – The Study of God



God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

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God the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

1. Read Acts 5:3-4. Discuss how this passage shows that the Holy Spirit is God/YHWH/ יהוה?

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2. Read Ps. 95:8–11 with Heb. 3:7–11; Isa. 6:8–10 with Acts 28:25–27; and Jer. 31:31–34 with Heb. 10:15–17. Discuss how all of the authors of these passages clearly believed that the Holy Spirit is in fact God/YHWH/ יהוה

3. Read Psalm 51:1-4; Mark 3:28-29; Matthew 12:31-32 and Luke 12:10. Explain how these passages also point to the Holy Spirit as God/YHWH/ יהוה

4. God/YHWH/ יהוה is described with many divine characteristics and attributes. So too is the Holy Spirit. With each of these passages, briefly describe what divine attribute is being ascribed to the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Hebrews 9:14

 - b. 1 Pet. 4:14; cf. Isa. 42:8; 48:11

 - c. Gen. 1:1–2; Luke 1:35; Rom. 1:4

 - d. Ps. 139:7–10; cf. Jer. 23:24

 - e. 1 Isa. 40:13; 1 Cor. 2:10–11

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5. God/YHWH/ יהוה performs certain actions that only He can perform. Read each set of passages and discuss how each set of verses shows that the Holy Spirit is truly divine:
 - a. Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4.
 - b. 2 Peter 1:20-21.
 - c. John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5.
 - d. 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2.
6. Read Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 2:10–13; 2 Corinthians 13:14; and Revelation 1:4–6. Discuss how these passages paint an undeniable picture that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity.
7. John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7 describes the Holy Spirit as another “another Helper”. Explain how this is actually pointing toward the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity.