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Holy Trinity - God The Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit ?

Who is the Holy Spirit ?

Love

Love

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit

■ John 14:16-17

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”



Acts 2:1-12 (The Coming Of the Holy Spirit)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

Holy Spirit

- Third Person of the Holy Trinity
- Work of Sanctification, i.e. make holy
 - Guides us
 - Unites us
 - Empowers us

The Holy Spirit Guides Us

■ John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.**”

The Holy Spirit Guides Us

■ John 16:12-15

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into **all the truth**; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

The Source Of Christian Truth

■ One *Word* of God, Two Forms

- Written – Sacred Scripture (i.e. The Bible)
- Various truths inspired by the Holy Spirit
 - Sacred Tradition
 - Teaching Authority of the Church
- No where in the Bible does it claim that all truths are in the Bible.
- “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.” 2 Thes 2:15

The Holy Spirit *Unites Us*

- People from “every nation under heaven” understood the Apostles in each “own native language”.
- What sin splits apart, the Holy Spirit joins back together.

The Holy Spirit *Empowers Us*

- “Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 18:18)
→ Authority
- “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)
→ Dynamism (“Power” = *Dunamis*)



“And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’” Matthew 13:36



“All of them deserted him and fled.” Mark 14:50



Peter denied Jesus three times
“Woman, I do not know him.” Luke 22:56-60

The Holy Spirit *Empowers Us*

- Pentecost Day:
 - Disciples hid in the room, afraid of the Romans.
 - After the Holy Spirit descended upon them, they went out to preach boldly.



“While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and **proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead**. So they arrested them. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and **all who were of the high-priestly family**. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, **This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’**” Acts 4:1-3,5-8,11

Tabernacle of the Holy Spirit

- Every soul in a state of grace is a living tabernacle of the Holy Spirit.
- We received the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation:
For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 12:13)
- Instead of creating me, with the same facility, God could have created a great saint or a glorious angel.

Fruits of Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

- Fruits flow from the Gifts
 - Love
 - Joy
 - Peace
 - Patience
 - Kindness
 - Goodness
 - Faithfulness
 - Gentleness
 - Self-Control

Isaiah 11:2-3 (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and **might**, the spirit of **knowledge** and of **piety**. 3 And his delight shall be in **the fear of the Lord**. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear.

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Role of a Sponsor

Sponsors / Godparents

- Presence:
 - Attendance of all sessions with the candidates
 - Where possible, attends the weekend dismissal with the candidates
 - Accompanies the candidate at various rites and ceremonies
- Commitment:
 - Be a friend, a companion on the faith journey (RCIA 11). Not necessarily a teacher
 - Share your own faith journey. Support, encourage, sustain & guide, through friendship, prayers and good example (RCIA 11)
 - Bear witness to the candidate's moral character, faith and intention (RCIA 10)

Sponsors / Godparents

- Requirements:
 - Must receive 3 sacraments of initiation (Can. 874.3)
 - Living a life consistent with faith (Can. 874.3)

Sponsor Assignment

- Not a strict one-to-one relationship
- The whole team (catechists, sponsors and all volunteers) are your sponsors!
- A sponsor can sponsor multiple (usually no more than 2) candidates at the same time
 - E.g. Candidates from the same family.
- A candidate can have multiple sponsors (usually no more than 2). E.g.
 - Lack of availability
 - The candidate's preferred sponsor is unable to commit or does not fully meet requirements
- Couples with one partner sponsoring the other will be allocated an additional sponsor

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Upper Room

*Help me Holy Ghost
I need You more than anything
All my best ideas are Yours
So what am I but what You make of me*

*So help me God
Breathe on my weakness
For all I want is to be like Jesus
I don't have much
But what I have is Yours to use
So make my whole life Your upper room*

*Help me Holy Ghost
I need You more than I can say
May Your thoughts become my own
Till the Father's will be done in me*

*So help me God
Breathe on my weakness
For all I want is to be like Jesus
I don't have much
But what I have is Yours to use
So make my whole life Your upper room
(repeat)*



Discussion

- Have you had an experience where you found an “inner strength” you didn’t know you had?
- Have encountered the Holy Spirit? Share your experience.

