

Discipleship Class(Week 5)

"The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit"

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. To accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and then be oblivious to possibly the greatest 'gift' of Salvation, 'The Holy Spirit', would be like..

- Struggling to pay your bills while having an unlimited source of money and never taking advantage of it..
- Drifting on the sea, when you're in a boat that has a motor that is full of fuel.
- Freezing to death on a cold night when you have wood and matches available and at your disposal..
- Thirsting to death or dying of hunger when you have an unlimited supply of water and food..
- Living in despair and depression because of your desire for a friend when you have one whose primary desire is to fellowship with you..

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.

1. The Divine _____ of the Holy Spirit("The Who/The What")

Our Statement of Faith declares: Concerning the Godhead: We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14).

Divine(Defined) - Pertaining to the nature of God

- At CBC, we believe and teach that there is _____ God, and that He consists of 3 distinct, yet unified personalities.(God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit)

Illustration: A Triangle(3 Sides/Equally important to make up the 1 Triangle) A Book (Has Height/Width/Length)

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is **one Lord**: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Ephesians 4:5-6 **One Lord**, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

False Teaching: "The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society teaches that the Holy Spirit is God's active force on the earth today. "(From watchman.org)

Question: Why do we believe that the Holy Spirit is God?

Answer: He is 'co-identical in nature with God the Father and God the Son(Jesus Christ) that is, He possesses all of the same attributes of God the Father and God the Son:

- A. He is Omnipresent - Psalm 139:7
- B. He is Omniscient - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
- C. He is Omnipotent - Genesis 1:2
- D. He is Eternal - Hebrews 9:14
- E. He is called God - Acts 5:3-4

- The Holy Spirit of God is a _____. He is not merely an 'influence' or an 'energy'(as the wind) as some would have you to believe, He is a personality.

- A. He has a Mind - Romans 8:27
- B. He has a Will - 1 Corinthians 12:11

C. He Forbids - Acts 16:6-7

D. He Permits - Acts 16:10

E. He Speaks - Acts 8:29/10:19/13:2

F. He Loves - Romans 15:30

G. He Grieves - Ephesians 4:30

H. He Prays - Romans 8:26

Quote: "A Mere influence does not create, empower, teach, guide, pray or command." - John Walvoord

2. The Indwelling _____ of the Holy Spirit("The Where")

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

- When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Savior, a supernatural phenomenon takes place; The Bible teaches that God the Holy Spirit comes to live within their _____.

- In fact, "absence of the Holy Spirit is proof of an unsaved condition":

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Quote: "The importance of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian cannot be overestimated. It constitutes a significant proof of grace, and of divine purpose in fruitfulness and sanctification." John Walvoord

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.

3. The Distinct _____ of the Holy Spirit("The Why")

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- The Holy Spirit came to dwell within your body, not to simply take up residence, but rather to be a very _____ and _____ part of your being.

A. To Guide us into Truth

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

B. To Teach us and to give us Knowledge

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

C. To Strengthen us

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

D. To Reprove us

John 16:7-8 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: