

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Galatians 5:16

John 16:7-15

Introduction

1. Last week – Walk in the Spirit
 - A. Walk – implies to occupy.

Two things to remember about the flesh

1. *The flesh fights for dominance.*
2. *The flesh is contrary to the Spirit.*

Important fact

1. *The flesh is not sinful!*
 - A. Our human bodies – given by God for His use.
 - B. We are a temple of God.
2. *It is the lust of the flesh that is sinful.*
 - A. We are to cleanse ourselves from the lust that drives the flesh.

The way we behave outwardly reveals what is truly in our hearts.

1. *Sinful behavior originates in the heart.*
2. *Godly behavior originates in the heart.*

Matthew 6:21

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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Two Misconceptions of the Holy Spirit

1. *A mystical force.*
2. *An impersonal power God made available to followers of Christ.*

The Holy Spirit is

1. *Third person of the trinity.*
2. *Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit is a divine person.*
 - A. *Mind (1 Cor. 2:10-11).*
 - B. *Emotion (Eph. 4:30)*
 - C. *Will (1 Cor. 12:7-11)*

Gregg Allison writes

“The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, equal in terms of nature, power, & glory with the Father & the Son.”

Scriptural description of the Holy Spirit

1. *He is God (Matt. 12:22-32).*
2. *He is eternal (Gen. 1:1-2).*
3. *He is our Advocate (Jn. 14, 15, 16).*
4. *He rested upon Jesus at his baptism (Matt. 3:16).*
5. *He empowered Jesus for his ministry (Lk. 4:14).*
6. *He gives us new life (Jn. 3:3-8).*

Why the Holy Spirit Is Essential – John 16:7-15

1. *Promise of the Holy Spirit. Vs. 7*
2. *The Holy Spirit is active in the world. Verses 8-11*

3. *The Holy Spirit makes known God's actions and guidance to those who believe. Vs. 12-13*
4. *This glorifies God. Vs. 14-15*

How to Walk by the Spirit

1. *It is an intentional act on your part.*
2. *This involves yielding your thoughts, actions, and desires to the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit.*
3. *Ask God to fill you daily and throughout the day (Eph. 5:18).*
4. *Be attentive to the Spirit's promptings through the day.*
5. *Walking by the Spirit includes confession of sin quickly.*