

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS "ONE" OF US

Acts 15:28

Introduction: *"...For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us...."* What amazing words spoken at the Jerusalem Conference about admitting Gentile believers. Notice it was the Council and the Holy Spirit agreed on something. The Holy Spirit involved in a conference of believers.

The Bible reveals that God, the Father conversed and fellowshiped with people - Adam and Eve, Moses, Abraham, Elijah, etc. God and man were friends. Note the human nature of Jesus. He was both divine/God and man. So, what of the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit a "person" - "God?" *Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 9:14; Genesis 1:2; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; Psalm 1:3; 9:7-10;* reveal that the Holy Spirit is equal to God, is eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, is the Spirit of Holiness, Spirit of Life, Spirit of Truth and dwells in the bodies of those who believe in Jesus Christ - *Romans 1:4; 8:2; John 14:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19.* Therefore, the Holy Spirit is to be worshipped, adored, loved and obeyed.

I. THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. What are we made up of? Body, soul, spirit?
 - With a mind (understanding), with feelings (emotions), can choose (will, purpose), act (can do things).
2. The Holy Spirit can think - a mind - understanding (text).
 - *1 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 1:17; Isaiah 11:2*
3. The Holy Spirit can feel - hurt - sorrow - sadness- (*Ephesians 4:30*)
4. The Holy Spirit can choose - (*1 Corinthians 12:11*)

II. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE WORK OF GOD

1. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible - over 1500 years and 50 writers in the making of some 66 books with one central theme - God loves and wants to save mankind.
 - *2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Psalm 22* - (David never saw Jesus Christ crucified, yet he wrote of it - *Ezekiel 2:2; Acts 1:16; Hebrews 9:8; 10:15-16*)
2. The Holy Spirit is teacher and illuminator -
 - *John 14:26; 16; 13-14; Romans 8:14*
 - Jesus taught in the flesh but now He is gone, therefore the Holy Spirit does what Jesus did.
 - *Luke 24* - details the account of two of Jesus' disciples walking home on the Emmaus road and Jesus joined them, whom they did not recognize, yet as He began to explain all that had happened (His crucifixion, etc.) they began to see more clearly and suddenly recognized Jesus. That is what the Holy Spirit does today - what Jesus was doing with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
3. The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin. *John 16:8-11; 3:5; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Zechariah 4:6*
4. The Holy Spirit is a helper, comforter, sustainer to the Christian.
 - *John 14:16-18; Romans 8:26* (infirmities)- *27* (prayers)- *Acts 13:2* (chooses church leaders); *Acts 16:6-7* (guides); *Revelation 2:7* (speaks to the Churches).
 - The works of the Holy Spirit are the works of God.

III. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE "PERSONS" IN THE GODHEAD

1. *1 Corinthians 8:4-6* - The unity of the Godhead - *James 2:19*
2. The distinctions revealed: *Matthew 3:16-17* (at Jesus' baptism) - *Matthew 28:19*; *2 Corinthians 13:14*; *2 Corinthians 13:14*; *Matthew 4:1*; *Luke 4:1*; *Mark 1:12*; *John 14:9*; *16:13-14*
3. The Holy Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son.
 - The Holy Spirit takes Jesus' place in our souls, our lives and in Jesus' Church.
 - *1 Corinthians 6:19*- believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit therefore indwelt by Jesus.
4. There are not three (3) Gods - ONE.

CONCLUSION:

1. Think of it! The very presence of almighty God not far off somewhere, but close, as close as possible, inside the body of the believer - INSIDE!
2. What can a believer ever be afraid of with God living inside of him/her?
3. What can a believer accomplish with the presence and power of God literally living within him/her?
4. Believer! YOU have the very presence of the living God permanently inside of you. Let the Holy Spirit be free, let the Holy Spirit have you, let the Holy Spirit do His work through and with you.