

Sunday, September 13, 2020

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Series: Covid-19...25

Text: John John 14:15 - 31

Introduction:

- Review of last Sunday's devotional, The Gift of the Holy Spirit:

The Lord Jesus Christ the Redeemer – John 7:37 - 39

The Holy Spirit is the Regenerator

- John 7:37 – 39; 16:7

The Holy Spirit is the Refreshing in an Arid

Wilderness – John 7:37 – 39; 16:7

Deuteronomy 6:4 – 5, “*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one. (5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*”

Nicene Creed by the First Council of Nicaea in 325:

Holy Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

1. The Invisible God:

1.1) God the Father:

1 John 4:10 – 12, “*In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (12) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*”

John 4:24; “*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*”

1.2) God the Son:

1 John 1:1-3, “*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands concerning the word of life – (2) the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – (3) that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*”

1.3) God the Holy Spirit:

Acts 5:3 – 4, “*But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? (4) While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”*”

1 Corinthians 2:9 – 11, “*But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” – (10) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”*”

The Holy Spirit is NOT an impersonal force or emanation of God. The Scriptures teach that He is active in our lives and has a distinct character, though equal to God, unique to Him and from the work and ministry of either Father God or God the Son.

2. The Holy Spirit Can be Grieved:

2.1) Grieve Not the Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 4:30, “*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*”

2.2) Question, can an impersonal force be grieved?

- If I miss use and electrical charge to injure a person, is the electrical charge grieved?

- If I miss use gravity to injure a person, is gravity grieved?

- The Holy Spirit is a person and can be grieved! I can lie to Him. I can say the Holy Spirit told me or showed me when He in fact did not!!! These things grieve Him. He seeks to lead me and I can go my own way; that grieves Him! He can turn on the light of His word to me and I can reject it: that grieves Him!

2.3) Question, can someone who does not love be grieved?

-If I reject, ignore, or demonstrate indifference to the Holy Spirit is He not moved?

- 1 John 4:16, “*So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*”

3. The Holy Spirit Can be Quenched:

Quench: a verb 1) satisfy (one's thirst) by drinking; 2) extinguish (a fire)

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 22, “*Rejoice always, (17) pray without ceasing, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (19) Do not quench the Spirit. (20) Do not despise prophecies, (21) but test everything; hold fast what is good. (22) Abstain from every form of evil.*”

3.1) We can quench the Holy Spirit by saying NO to Him!

Matthew 12:31 – 32, “*therefore I tell you, every sin and*

blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. (32) And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

3.2) We can quench the Holy Spirit by substituting with the flesh and the world!

Compare 1 Corinthians 3 (we considered last Sunday). Colossians 3:1 – 3, “*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (3) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*”

3.3) We quench the Holy Spirit by not thirsting for Him!

Matthew 5:6, “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteous, for they shall be satisfied.*”

Conclusion: He Abides

Herbert Buffum, 1889 - 1939; D. M. Shanks, 1889 1973

I'm rejoicing night and day,
As I walk the pilgrim way,
For the hand of God in all my life I see,
And the reason of my bliss,
Yes, the secret all is this:
That the Comforter abides with me.

He abides, He abides, Hallelujah,
He abides with me! I'm rejoicing night and day,
As I walk the narrow way,
For the Comforter abides with me.

Once my heart was full of sin,
Once I had no peace within,
Till I heard how Jesus died upon the tree;
Then I fell down at His feet,
And there came a peace so sweet,
Now the Comforter abides with me.

He is with me everywhere,
And He knows my every care,
I'm as happy as a bird and just as free;
For the Spirit has control,
Jesus satisfies my soul,
Since the Comforter abides with me.

There's no thirsting for the things
Of the world they've taken wings;
Long ago I gave them up and instantly
All my night was turned to day,
All my burdens rolled away,
Now the Comforter abides with me.