

The Holy Spirit

The Essence Of God!

Pt 1

The Trinity

Father, Son, Holy Spirit



Mt 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the ***Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Jn 5:18

18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Mt 3:16-17

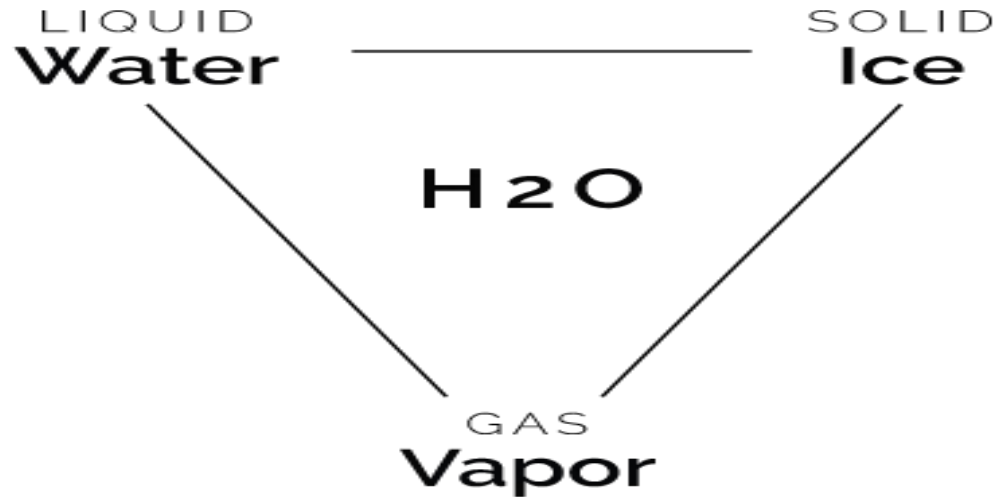
16 As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

1. Like a dove-Mt 3:14
2. Like fire-Acts 2:1-4
3. Like a breath- Jn 20:22
4. Like wind-Jn 3:8

The Human Trinity: Body, Soul and Spirit!



A Natural Trinity: Water!



In Hebrew, the original inspired language of the Tanach (Old Testament), the word '**Ruach**' (Roo-ach) can be construed as a person. It is a person. He is invisible and like wind, because He can be felt or experienced, but not seen. He is the breath of God which disperses His life-force, His energy and His intentions/mind. He is Yahweh's Spirit which is omnipresent, but also can be directed in specific ways for specific purposes. He is not The Father (First Person of the Trinity), or The Son (Second Person of the Trinity) that manifests itself in the world, or which comes to dwell in the hearts and lives of His people; rather He is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Triune God. He is God's Spirit.

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John 4:23-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24 God is spirit**, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**
Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the ***Spirit of God*** was hovering over the waters.

1 Corinthians 2:7-13

No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him. These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? ***In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*** **12** What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

I. The Spirit And His Importance!

A. He Reveals to us God's Word And Will!

2 Peter 1:21

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11** trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. **12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by ***those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit*** sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

B. The Holy Spirit Is Our Seal Of Redemption!

Ephesians 1:13

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

II. The Spirit Transforms The Christian!

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

III. How Do We Get The Spirit?

John 3:3-8

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. **4** "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are ***born of water and the Spirit.*** **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the ***Spirit gives birth to spirit.*** **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone ***born of the Spirit.***"

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. ***And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***”

Acts 19:1-5

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples **2** and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” **3** So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. **4** Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Mark 1:4

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. **14** But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' **15** Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

Conclusion

Galatians 5:16-18

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Romans 8:5-9

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6**

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.