The Holy Spirit

The *Essence* Of God Pt 2

Introduction!

Matthew 28:18-20

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, *baptizing 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."

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."

The Divine Mystery!



The Human Mystery!



A Natural Mystery!



I. The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit!

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my *Spirit in you* and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you**. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.



1. Jesus Comes To Earth!

Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").



2. Jesus Promises to Send The Holy Spirit To Believers!

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. *Up to that time the* Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 16:7

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, *I will send him to you*.



3. Jesus Dies On The Cross!

Matthew 27:50

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.



4. Jesus Goes To Paradise!

Luke 23:43

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



5. Jesus Is Resurrected!

John 20:17

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, *'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*



6. Jesus Ascends To The Father!

Daniel 7:13-14

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Acts 1:9-11

- After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
- ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



7. Jesus Sends The Holy Spirit To Begin A New Relationship With Believers!

Acts 2:33

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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.*

John 14:16-17

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8. We Become The Temple Of The Holy Spirit!

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,* whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

II. The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit!

John 1:29-34

- The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."
- ³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, '*The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.*' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

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Acts 2:32-33

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

III. The Mystery Revealed!

Colossians 1:25-27

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in** you, the hope of glory.

- God chose a personification to help us understand Him as a Father, Jesus as brother and the Spirit His essence!
- 2. Jesus became what we couldn't be and that is a perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- 3. But God as a loving Father who sent His Son to be the sacrifice we needed, couldn't leave us alone, so He sent His Spirit to fill us and lead us on our spiritual journey.
- 4. So God made us His holy temple, better than the first one He created under the old law.
- 5. Thankfully, we have such a loving Father!

Conclusion!

Romans 8:12-14

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; *but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.