

# THE KNOW SERIES

**Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience**

## LESSON #7

### CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT



**OBJECTIVE:** This class delves into the nature and attributes of the Holy Spirit. It begins by emphasizing the Holy Spirit's personhood, using Greek pronouns to address Him and highlighting terms like "Helper," "Comforter," and "Counselor" to describe His role. The class explores how the Holy Spirit performs actions only a person can do, such as teaching, calling individuals to service, convicting of sin, and leading.

Further, the Holy Spirit's sensitivity to human attitudes and actions is discussed. The class covers various ways in which humans can interact with the Holy Spirit, including lying, grieving, quenching, and insulting. The attributes of God are attributed to the Holy Spirit - omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, eternality, and holiness.

The Holy Spirit's distinctness within the Trinity is emphasized, as demonstrated in passages like Matthew 28:19 and Luke 3:21-22. The transformative impact of the Holy Spirit upon believers is highlighted: regeneration, indwelling, meeting needs, and the seal of salvation.

The class also offers a summary of the doctrine of the Trinity, demonstrating its implicit presence in the Old Testament and explicit affirmation in the New Testament. The concept of one God in three persons, each with identical attributes, is explored through metaphors like the space and the tripartite nature of humanity.

The conclusion underlines the idea that understanding the Trinity may be challenging, but it is a matter of faith.



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### (I) THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS DIETY AND PERSON

- (A) The Holy Spirit is a person: In Greek, personal pronouns are used - He, Him, etc.
- (B) Greek (parakletos) - "One called alongside to help", Helper, Comforter, Counselor.
- (C) In John 14:16, who is the "He" referring to?

### (II) HE DOES THE THINGS ONLY A PERSON CAN DO

- (A) He teaches and helps us to remember. John 14:26.
- (B) He calls men to service (He speaks). Acts 13:2.
- (C) He convicts us of sin. John 16:8.
- (D) He leads. Romans 8:13,14.

### (III) BEING A PERSON HE CAN BE EFFECTED BY OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

- (A) We can lie to Him. Acts 5:1-3.
- (B) We can grieve Him. Ephesians 4:30.
- (C) We can quench Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:19.
- (D) We can insult Him. Hebrews 10:29.

### (IV) THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- (A) Omnipresent. Psalms 139:7-10.
- (B) Omnipotent. Luke 1:35.
- (C) Omniscient. John 14:26; 16:12,13.
- (D) Eternal. Hebrews 9:14.
- (E) Holy. Romans 1:4;



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(F) Creator. Job 33:4; Psalms 104:30.

### **(V) HE IS DISTINCT FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON**

(A) Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22

### **(VI) WHEN WE ARE SAVED:**

(A) He regenerates us (makes us spiritually alive). John 3:3-8; Titus 3:4-7

(B) He indwells us. 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19

(C) He brings satisfaction for our needs. John 4:13-14; 7:37-39

(D) He is the seal of our salvation (Security of Ownership). Ephesians 1:13-14

(E) The Holy Spirit is recognized as God in Acts 5:3,4 and is active upon man, convicting him of sin and guiding the believer into all truth. John 16:7-11.

### **Summary of the Trinity**

1. Genesis 1:1 - The word for God in Hebrew is Elohim.

Singular word for God - El; dual tense - Elah; three or more - Elohim (uniplural noun).

2. The doctrine of the Trinity is not explicit in the Old Testament, but it is implied:

Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7.

3. It is explicit in the New Testament:

Matthew 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21.

4. The Bible teaches there is only one God:

Deuteronomy 4:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 43:10.

5. Even creation implies the doctrine of the Trinity:

Space - length, width, depth in 1 space;

Man - body, soul, spirit in one man.

In the Holy Trinity we have one God manifested (revealed) to us in three distinct persons, all having the same attributes and all being called God. It is difficult to understand totally; we must accept it by faith.



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Besides even if the pieces came together to function as a watch (which certainly would never happen) somebody still made some very complicated mechanisms that each interact with each other in order to make functioning clock. Anything created requires a creator.



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