

Foundations of Faith: The Holy Spirit (Part I)

The third member of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. Where the Father assumes the role of initiating the plan of God, and the Son provides the means for it to happen, the Holy Spirit is the one who actually does the work – kind of the “blue collar” member of the Trinity. There is also a very personal side to the Spirit’s ministry, as the commitment to live inside of and to walk with believers is lived out through the Spirit.

Though the Spirit, Son and Father are one in character and essence, they are distinct in their roles. There is no “lesser” function, but there is difference. The Spirit does not desire to be worshiped, but instead points to the ministry of the Son. The Son in turn has come to glorify God, to reveal His essence to man and to point the way to Him. You might say it is a condescension to our humanity, but also a commitment that Holy God might be known by sinful man.

WHO IS HE?

God within is better than God beside.

John 14—panic sets in with the disciples

1. John 14:16

2. John 14:17

3. Romans 8:9

WHAT DOES HE DO? (Empowers and Prepares)

I. REPROVES OF SIN

Problem--II Cor 4:3,4

Solution--John 15:26-16:11

Task: 15:27

Problems: 16:1,2

Role of Comforter: 16:8-11

2. REGENERATES

Man's natural condition: Titus 3:3

Role of Holy Spirit: Titus 3:5

3. INDWELLS

The Promise: John 14:16,17 (cf. Rom 8:9)

4. HE BAPTIZES

1 Corinthians 12:13

5. HE SEALS

Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 1:13,14

Security:

Protection:

Promise:

6. EMPOWERS FOR SERVICE

Acts 1:8

7. UNIFIES

Ephesians 4:1-6