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A Study on the Holy Spirit
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God is three persons but one in nature, essence, and being.

Six possible combinations

Father, Son, Spirit (Matt. 28:19)

Son, Father, Spirit (John 14:16)

Son, Spirit, Father (Eph. 2:18)

Father, Spirit, Son (Rev. 1:4-5)

Spirit, Father, Son (Matt.3:16)

Spirit, Son, Father (John 15:26)

Think of the Ages...

The age of the Father – O.T.

The age of the Son – Life and Ministry of Jesus

The age of the Spirit – Pentecost onward

Conclusions...

The Bible presents the Holy Spirit as God.

The evidence demonstrates that the Holy Spirit could not be a created being.

1. The Eternal Spirit

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

No one is eternal but God.

We possess eternal life but we are not eternal.

2. All Knowing (Omniscience)

1 Corinthians 2: 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is able to understand the very deepest things of God.

That is He possesses the fullness of the knowledge of God.

3. All Powerful (Omnipotent)

John 3: 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Acts 1: 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Imparts spiritual gifts -- dispensing His power through believers.

Gen. 1:1-3 -- active in creating the universe.WOW what power!

Mary's womb -- the miraculous conception

4. Ever Present (Omnipresence)

Psalm 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou [art] there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou [art there]. 9 [If] I take the wings of the morning, [and] dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light [are] both alike [to thee].

5. Holy

His name is Holy Spirit

The deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit stand together or fall together.

6. Personhood

Force?

Influence?

Co-eternal with God

Possesses personality

Three traits that demonstrate personality:

Knowledge

Feeling

Will

Knowledge—He has a mind

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Feeling—He can be grieved

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Will—He wills and acts

He leads

He prompts

He convicts

He comforts

He loves

He rejoices

Think about it...

Electricity and wind are both powerful in their influence but they do not possess personality.

The Holy Spirit is a powerful influencer and has all the traits of personality.

There are those who attempt to depersonalize the Holy Spirit.

Some even make Him equal with the Bible. But The Bible makes Him equal with God.

Conclusion of the Matter

The conclusion of the matter is that the Holy Spirit is distinctive from the Father and the son yet equal with them.

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