

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014

### **The Person of the Holy Spirit**

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

**Sunday, March 2, 2014**

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 1:2: “*And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*”

Dr. R.A. Torrey in his book, “The Holy Spirit” said, “Anyone who does not know the Holy Spirit as a person has not attained unto a complete and well-rounded Christian experience.”

It is imperative that we understand that the Holy Spirit is a person and that we know Him as a person. In this lesson, we will look at some reasons for believing that the Holy Spirit is a person.

#### **I. Designations proper to personality are given to the Holy Spirit.**

- A. The Holy Spirit is referred to as “He” and not “it.” [John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-8]
- B. The use of the word “comforter” in John 14:16-18 indicated that He is a person. The word “Comforter” cannot be translated “comfort.” It cannot be taken as an abstract influence. The Holy Spirit comforts us because He is our advocate, instructor, and helper.

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#### **II. The use of the Holy Spirit’s Name in connection with other persons implies personality.**

- A. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with Christ.
- B. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with Christian. [Acts 15:28]
- C. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with the Father and Son.

The Great Commission commands baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [Matt. 28:19]. Paul clearly distinguishes Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [2Cor. 13:14]. The source of blessing for believers comes from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [1Cor. 12:4-6].

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**III. The Holy Spirit possesses the characteristics of personality.**

- A. The Holy Spirit knows as a person [I Cor. 2:10-11].
- B. The Holy Spirit wills as a person [Eph. 4:11-14].
- C. The Holy Spirit feels as a person [Rom. 8:27].
- D. The Holy Spirit loves as a person [Rom. 15:30].
- E. The Holy Spirit speaks as a person [John 15:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6-10]

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**IV. The Holy Spirit is affected by the acts of others.**

- A. One may grieve the Holy Spirit [Eph. 4:30].
- B. One may quench the Holy Spirit [1 Thess. 5:19].
- C. One may lie to the Holy Spirit [Acts 5:3-4,9].
- D. One may resist the Holy Spirit [Acts 7:51].
- E. One may insult the Holy Spirit [Heb. 10:29].
- F. One may blaspheme the Holy Spirit [Matt. 12:31].
- G. One may receive the Holy Spirit [John 20:22].

**Sunday, March 30, 2014**

**V. The Holy Spirit acts as only a person can act.**

The Holy Spirit works to make us the right kind of person. He guides us [John 16:13], reproves us [John 16:8], strives with us [Gen. 6:3], helps us [Acts 1:8], comforts us [John 14:16-18, 26; Acts 9:3] and prays for us [Rom. 8:26-27]. He searches the deep things of God and reveals them to us [I Cor. 2:10]. When the Holy Spirit deals with us, it is a personal power, not an impersonal influence or power. God help us to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit!