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and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

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- **Holy Spirit
Study**

- Perhaps there is
no subject
in the Bible
so grossly
misunderstood
as that of the
Holy Spirit.

- The Watchtower cult alleges that the Spirit is merely the “active force” of God, not a person.

- **Mary Baker Eddy,**
**“Church of Christ,
Scientist”**
(1879)
contended that
“Spirit”
is a synonym for
“Divine Science.”

• Christian Science Beliefs

- One God. No Trinity.

- Matter, sin, sickness and evil do not exist.

- People only think they do.

- People can heal themselves spiritually by realizing illness does not exist.

- (Science and Health, Mary Baker Eddy, 472:27-29).

- What is a “cult”?
 - In a Christian context, the definition of a cult is, specifically,
 - “**a religious group that denies one or more of the fundamentals biblical truth.**” .
 - A cult is a group that teaches doctrines that, if believed, will cause a person to remain unsaved.
 - A cult claims to be part of a religion, **yet it denies essential truth (s) of that religion.**

- **Parley Pratt**,
one of Mormonism's
so-called original
"apostles,"
compared the Spirit to
magnetism
or
electricity.

- **The Holy Spirit is:**
 - **A person,**
 - **A comforter,**
 - **who guided the apostles in God's revelation, through Christ, to men of earth.**

**The term,
"Holy,"
expresses
the character
of that Spirit
which is the source of
all holiness and purity.**

**The Holy Spirit
is
a Divine being,
an intelligent speaking
personality,
one of the
Godhead three.**

- He is not a ghost,
clouded in mysticism,
- Making mysterious descents from Heaven, striking the souls of men, causing them to fall out prostrate on the ground.

**Many honest souls,
under the spell of
emotionalism,
have even lost consciousness
and have been made to believe
that they were saved by
the direct operation of
the Holy Spirit.**

- The Holy Spirit is not recognized in a bodily sense.

- Although He is a person, He is unheard, unfelt, unseen”

**A spirit
hath not
flesh and bones,
as ye see me have"**
declared the Master.

(Luke 24:39)

The Holy Spirit
is a distinct personality;
a distinct personal being.

When men **claim** to be
witnesses of
material manifestations
and
revelations of the Holy Spirit,
they are false witnesses.

- When men claim that they saw the Holy Spirit, they are mistaken.

- The Holy Spirit

does not

and has not

appeared unto man

in such material manifestations

- The Spirit was with the Father and Son even before the worlds began.
- Jesus declared that **"God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth."**
(John 4:24)

- The personality of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the work of the Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is said to do things only a person can do:

1: The Holy Spirit teaches.

- Jesus said,
**"And He shall
teach you
all things"**
(John 14:26).

2: The Holy Spirit reproves.

- When Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles
He said,
 - "And when he is come,
he will reprove the world
of sin, and of righteousness,
and of judgment"
(**John 16:8**).

- **John 16:8**

"And He, when He comes,
will **convict** the world"

- **The Spirit's witness relates to**

- **# 1** The **need** of mankind
- **# 2** The **redemptive work**
of Jesus Christ.
 - The term "convict"
was a legal term for
a "**cross-examination**."

Convince the world that:

1. It has been wrong about
sin.

2. It has been wrong about
righteousness

3. It has been wrong about
judgment

3. The Holy Spirit is a guide.

- In giving this promise Jesus told the apostles, "he will guide you into all truth"

(**John 16:13**).

4. The Holy Spirit, speaks.

- Christ declared,
"For he shall not
speak of himself;
but whatsoever
he shall hear,
that shall he speak"
(John 16:13).

Paul declared,
"Now the Spirit
speaks expressly . . ."
(1 Timothy 4:1).

- The Holy Spirit, therefore,
is a person
who hears and speaks!

- **5:** The Holy Spirit is one who is affected as a person.
 - He may be:
 - grieved (**Eph. 4:30**).
 - vexed (**Isa. 63:10**).
 - lied to (**Acts 5:3**).
 - resisted or rejected (**I Thes. 5:19**).

6: The Holy Spirit, as a person,
appointed and **directed**
God's chosen men.

- **Acts 13:2**

"the Holy Spirit said,

Separate me

**Barnabas and Saul
for the work where unto
I have called them."**

- The Holy Spirit is a person,
one of the three of the Godhead.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God

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created the heaven and the earth.

- The Holy Spirit
fulfilled his mission
in creation.

(**Genesis 1**)

- The original Hebrew word Elohim, God, is the plural form of Eloah.
 - Implying a plurality of Persons in the Divine nature.
- Hence the doctrine of the Trinity.

- An eminent Jewish rabbi, Simeon ben Joachi, **made this comment:**
 - **“Come and see the mystery of the word Elohim;**
 - **there are three degrees,**
 - **and each degree by itself alone,**
 - **and yet notwithstanding they are all one,**
 - **and joined together in one,**
 - **and are not divided from each other.”**

(Adam Clarke, Commentary Gen. 1:1)

- From the beginning, the Old Testament presents the Godhead as three:
 - God, the Father.
 - Christ, the Son, later called the Word, was the co-creator of all things;
 - Holy Spirit, the organizer, and law giver.

- There can be no doubt that the Holy Spirit is everywhere.
- Together with the Father and Son guiding and directing our universe.

- **The Holy Spirit As Revelator**

- Both Old and New Testament scriptures were revealed by the Holy Spirit.

- **2 Peter 1:21:**

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

- The New Testament reveals the Godhead as:

- Father,

- Son

- Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:16

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- All we can know about the Holy Spirit and his work we must learn from the Bible.

- There is probably no other Bible subject where there is more confusion than the subject of the Holy Spirit and his work.

- There is much **superstition** and **error** being taught to people throughout the world, and much of it centers around the Holy Spirit and his work.

- The Holy Spirit,
as a divine agency,
has spoken:

- Through the **prophets**,

- Through **Christ**

- And His **apostles**.

- The apostles were

- the last ones on earth**

to receive such divine revelations.

- **Christ declared to them:**

**"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"
(Matthew 16:19).**

- The Holy Spirit was first given to the Apostles in a limited measure before Christ left them.
- "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost"
(**John 20:22**).

The apostles
received
the fullness of the Spirit
to guide them
into all truth

after

Jesus was glorified.

- "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying,

- **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

- **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

- **(John 7:37-39)**

- **But this spoke he
of the Spirit,
which they that believe on
him should receive:
for the Holy Ghost
was not yet given;
because that Jesus
was not yet glorified
(**John 7:37-39**)**

- The full baptismal measure came upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost after the Lord's death, burial, resurrection and glorification.
(**Acts 2**)

- In John 16:12-15,
Jesus further assured
the apostles of
their divine guidance
by the Holy Spirit.
- "I have yet many things to say unto
you, but you cannot bear them now.
Howbeit when he,
the Spirit of truth,
is come,
he will guide you
into all truth:

- The Apostles were still expecting an earthly kingdom right up until Jesus ascended into the heavens.
- They still needed to grow.

- Acts 1:6

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying,

- **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

- They still yearn for a political kingdom for Israel.

- They need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

(**John 14-16**; **Acts 1:4**).

- Christ declared to the apostles that the Holy Spirit **"shall guide you into all truth"**!
- That means there is no divine truth today not revealed **in the New Testament.**

If the Holy Spirit
guided the apostles into
ALL truth, then the claims
of divine revelations by
men and women today
are the claims of
fakes and **imposters**.

- God Himself authenticated the calling of the apostles and their inspired **proclamation of truth.**
- By confirming the gospel proclaimed by them with **signs, wonders, miracles.**
(**Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:3**).

The office and person of Christ
and
the office and person
of the Holy Spirit
are so distinct that Christ
and
the Holy Spirit
were not on earth
at the same time
in their distinct personalities.

In John 16:7,

Jesus declared to his disciples,

"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will sent him unto you."

- Just before Jesus went back to the Father in Heaven, He commanded the apostles, in Luke 24:49,

- "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

- Although the apostles had been with Christ from the beginning, God would not trust so sacred a thing as his word to their memory without a guide, the Holy Spirit.

- **"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and**

bring to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto you"
(**John 14:26**).

- Just as the Father and Son were perfect,
- The Holy Spirit did his work perfectly.
 - Have you noticed that the sun, the moon, and stars have not yet had an accident since the beginning of time.
 - Neither will they ever do so.
 - Not one beat of a split second time was miscalculated.

- "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth"
(John 16:13).

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- RUTH"
is not

part of the truth.

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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