

**Weekly Devotional - GOD The FATHER, SON, & HOLY SPIRIT (Emphasis On The 3rd Person of the Trinity) 5-12-21**

**And HE [the HOLY SPIRIT], when HE comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in ME [and MY Message]; about righteousness [people no longer see ME]; about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan) has**

**As many as are led by the SPIRIT of GOD, they are the sons of GOD. [8:14]**

**Many Christians have misconceptions and unbiblical perceptions of the Holy Spirit. Some understand the HOLY SPIRIT as a personification of the love of GOD the FATHER and the life of CHRIST. Others view the HOLY SPIRIT as a mystical force given to us from GOD. This is not biblical. The HOLY SPIRIT is JESUS' "replacement" on earth [John 14:16-26; 15:26; 16:7]. The HOLY SPIRIT is the possession of every believer in CHRIST [Eph. 1:13-14]. Pneumatology helps us to understand the**

**The word Pneumatology comes from two Greek words which mean "wind, air, spirit" and "word of GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, the Third Person of the Trinity. GOD HIMSELF is SPIRIT, and we see Him for us "because the love of GOD has been poured out in our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT who was**

**The fact that the HOLY SPIRIT is GOD is clearly seen in many Scriptures, including Acts 5:3-4. It is that he had "not lied to men but to GOD." It is a clear declaration that lying to the HOLY SPIRIT is the characteristics of GOD. For example, HIS omnipresence is seen in Psalm 139:7-8, "Where can I go from Your presence, O LORD? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there." Then in 1 Cor. 2:10-11, "The things of GOD are known by HIS SPIRIT. The SPIRIT searches all things, even the deep things of GOD. For who among men knows the thoughts of GOD except the SPIRIT of GOD."**

**We can know that the HOLY SPIRIT is indeed a Divine Person because He possesses a mind, emotions, and can be grieved [Eph. 4:30]. The SPIRIT intercedes for us [Romans 8:26-27]. HE makes decisions for the Trinity. As GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT can truly function as the Comforter and Counselor that JESUS**

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**The word "led" is the Greek word ago, a word that was used in the agricultural and athletic world. It is the end of a rope. Wherever the farmer led, the animal was to follow. But interestingly, it is also the word for he fought an opponent. From this word, we derive the word agony. It depicts the struggle — or the mat in defeat. Romans 8:14 tells us that the HOLY SPIRIT wants to lead us about, but often we resist. The direction, but because the flesh doesn't understand the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT or doesn't want to follow. HE will make sure we are in the right place at the right time; but we may have to overcome the**

**The ministries of the HOLY SPIRIT are often confused. The Receiving / Indwelling of the SPIRIT is a part of Christian life. The Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT may be defined as that work whereby the SPIRIT is received in the Body of CHRIST at the moment of salvation.**

**It is important to distinguish between the Indwelling and Filling of the SPIRIT. The permanent indwelling is in contrast to the commanded filling of the SPIRIT found in Ephesians 5:18.**

**Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the hymns and spiritual songs, [offering praise by] singing and making melody with your heart to the LORD with your voice to our LORD JESUS CHRIST; [Ephesians 5:18-20 AMP]**

**The HOLY SPIRIT Does Several Instantaneous, Simultaneous Things In The Life Of Every Person. The HOLY SPIRIT Regenerates [Titus 3:5-7]. The HOLY SPIRIT Seals [Eph. 1:13-14]. The HOLY SPIRIT Gives The HOLY SPIRIT Permanently Indwells [John 14:17; Romans 8:9-11]. The HOLY SPIRIT Anoints**

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**May we always have a mind through which CHRIST thinks; a heart through which CHRIST loves; a voice through which CHRIST speaks; a hand through which CHRIST helps; and be a vessel through which CHRIST lives!**

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