

The God Who We Worship: The Holy Spirit, Part 2

John 16: 7-15

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Introduction: St. Patrick's Day and the Shamrock

I don't understand aerodynamics, but I still fly

I don't understand the internal combustion engine, but I still drive

I don't understand the physics of electricity, but I still flip the switch

Lack of understanding does not negate validity

I. Purpose from Chaos

The Holy Spirit brings purpose from chaos

- mankind asserted his will and agenda over God, we see a progressive degeneration of order
- The Tower of Babel
- Pentecost

II. The Holy Spirit is the Member Who Makes us Conscious of God's Presence

- Psalm 139: 7 – “Where shall I go from your Spirit?”
- The Holy Spirit will come after you – when He wants you and there will be no escaping
- Francis Thompson – “The Hound of Heaven”
 - “I led Him down the nights and down the days,
 - I fled Him, down the arches of the years,
 - I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways of my own mind;
 - and in the midst of tears I hid from Him and under running laughter.
 - Up vistaed hopes I sped;
 - And shot precipitated, adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears,
 - From those strong feet that followed . . .
- Psalm 104 – “When you hide your face, they are dismayed . . .
 - When you send forth Your Spirit they are created.
 - Parallelism – when God hides His face, there is dismay and death
 - When The Holy Spirit comes, there is life and renewal
- “Lord Jesus, I need You. I yield to the Holy Spirit and ask You to forgive my sins. I admit that my own good deeds are inadequate. I need You in my life. Make me your person. Amen.”

III. Take Away

1. The Holy Spirit's biography is His identity
2. Believe the bad news and the good news