

Just as soon as this book of prophecy tells that it is the revelation of Jesus Christ, it starts talking about the distinct persons of God; God as Trinity, three persons in one God.

God, or God the Father, is mentioned, as we studied last week. This evening we read about the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 2:7

- I. In the Book of Revelation, the Holy Spirit Speaks to the Churches
 - A. Jesus Himself is speaking to John Revelation 1:10-20
 1. Rev 1:10-voice
 2. Rev 1:11 saying
 3. Rev 1:12 the voice that spoke
 4. Rev 1:13 One like the Son of Man
 5. Rev 1:17 saying to me
 6. Rev 2 it is still Jesus speaking to John
 - B. John will be writing this down for the churches
 1. Rev 1:11 write in a book and send it to the seven churches
 2. Rev 1:19 write
 3. Rev 2:1 write
 - C. Yet our Lord Jesus said that when He speaks, and John writes it down for the churches, and it is read in the churches, people will be hearing what the Spirit says to the churches
 1. Rev 2:7,11,17,29
 2. Rev 3:6,13,22
 - D. This is consistent with what the Bible says elsewhere about itself
 1. OT scriptures 2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
 2. NT scriptures John 16:12-14 KJV I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

II. In the Book of Revelation the Holy Spirit Is Pictured as Seven Spirits

A. Revelation 1:4

1. we know that the Holy Spirit is one person, one Spirit
2. but here we have something revealed to us: that we may picture the one Holy Spirit as seven Spirits
3. this seems very strange;

B. Revelation 5:6

1. we need not find it strange that in the book of Revelation, the Holy Spirit is pictured as something he is not literally
2. Rev 5:6 Jesus is pictured as a Lamb; is He actually a lamb? no, but picturing Him as a Lamb helps us understand Him; specifically, to understand His work
3. so, the Holy Spirit is pictured as seven Spirits; is He actually seven spirits? no, but picturing Him as seven Spirits helps us understand Him; specifically, to understand His work
4. Jesus is pictured as a Lamb having seven horns and seven eyes
 - a) horns = strength; seven horns = all strength = omnipotence
 - b) eyes = knowledge; seven eyes = all knowledge = omniscience
5. those seven horns and seven eyes are said to be the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth
 - a) Jesus is all powerful and all knowing
 - b) He exerts His power and knowledge by sending the Holy Spirit everywhere
6. John 16:7-13
 - a) 16:8 operating in "the world"
 - b) 16:13 guide into "all truth"

C. Revelation 3:1

1. Jesus Christ has the seven stars and the seven Spirits of God
 - a) Rev 1:20 tells us that the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches
 - b) seven churches represent all the churches
 - c) the Holy Spirit is sufficient to do the work of Jesus Christ is every church
2. it is easy for us to think of how one person cannot give all the attention that everyone under his care might want or need
3. we could think of our church as something that gets some of the Lord's attention, but maybe not as much as we might want
4. but this vision of the Holy Spirit as seven Spirits, one for each church, shows us that our Lord's care for us is perfect, sufficient, complete, as if there were one Holy Spirit for every church

