

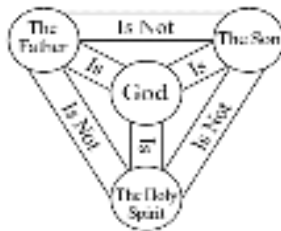
## The Holy Spirit: The Difference in Ministry between the OT and NT.

### Review

In our first message on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the OT we learned:

- The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity.
- The Bible also teaches there is only **one** God, but the one God exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### The Holy Spirit and the Trinity



### Review

- **The Holy Spirit is a Person** – not simply a power.
- **As a Person, the Holy Spirit has intellect, emotions, and will, and can be grieved.**
- **This means that the Spirit has a personality distinct from Jesus and the Father**

### Review

**The Holy Spirit has various names (or titles).**

- the Holy Spirit,
- the Spirit of Jesus,
- the Comforter or Helper,
- the Spirit (of God, of truth, of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge, of judgment, of burning, of grace, of promise, of holiness, of life).

**These titles indicates various role or activities the Holy Spirit has.**

### The Holy Spirit is the source of Regeneration

- **Regeneration** is the gracious act of God through the Holy Spirit whereby a spiritually dead sinner who repents and exercises biblical faith is made spiritually alive.
- The term occurs with this meaning only in **Titus 3:5**. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of **regeneration** (*palingenesia*), and renewing of the Holy Ghost," or as one translation puts it, "giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit."

### Review

- The term “**regeneration**” means the same thing as the terms: “new birth, born again, and regeneration.”
- It is speaking of the new birth that occurs in salvation.
- **Romans 8:9-11** teaches everyone who is saved has the Holy Spirit indwelling them.

### Review

#### Romans 8:9-11

- <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ [the Holy Spirit] does not belong to him.
- <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

### Review

- The clearest declaration of the necessity of regeneration (being born again) is found in Jesus' talk with **Nicodemus** (John 3:1-8).
- Jesus said one must be born of water and of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.
  - This phrase, “born of water of the Spirit” is taken from Ezekiel 36:25-27 and speaks of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
  - Jesus made this statement to an Old Testament person.
  - Therefore the regenerating ministry of the Spirit must have been available to Nicodemus before Pentecost.

### Review

- **Ezekiel 36:25-27**: “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”
- The water is symbolic of God washing away your sins, and putting the Holy Spirit in you is what regenerates you – makes you spiritually alive.

### Review

- The presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of OT believers is what kept them regenerate – spiritually alive.
- This means that the Holy Spirit indwelt OT believers.

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

- John 14:12-16**: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- <sup>13</sup> And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- <sup>14</sup> If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.
- <sup>15</sup> If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

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#### Key Verses

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#### Explanation:

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

- “**Another**” Comforter means there **was already** a Comforter!
- Jesus was **Comforter #1** – through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus did **no miracles** before his anointing at his baptism.
- Jesus did **no public ministry** before his anointing at his baptism.
- Jesus operated in the role of Comforter through the power of the Holy Spirit in His life.

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- The Holy Spirit was **with them** in the life of Jesus who was equipped to be **Comforter #1**.
- The Holy Spirit was not yet operating **in** Believers **as Comforter**.
- When Jesus ascended to the Father, the Holy Spirit would assume the role **IN EACH BELIEVER** as Comforter #2.

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- The role of the Holy Spirit as Comforter #2 would make Jesus real to each Believer.
- The Holy Spirit, in the role of Comforter #2 makes Jesus' presence real to each Believer – “I will come to you”
- The disciples never missed Jesus' physical presence because they now had immediate access to Jesus through the role of the Holy Spirit as Comforter #2.

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

#### New Ministries:

- Peter in **Acts 2:16**- identified Pentecost with Joel's prophesy of the Spirit:
  - But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; <sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: <sup>18</sup> And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit**; and they shall prophesy:

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#### New Ministries:

- **Pentecost** marked the beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ.
- The Holy Spirit now baptizes all repentance sinners who are born again into the "Church".
  - **1 Corinthians 12:13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body-- whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free-- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

#### New Ministries:

- **The blessings of the indwelling Christ** – "Christ in you" – Col. 1:27.
- The Holy Spirit could not impart the blessings of having Christ's presence in us – until Jesus's resurrection and ascension and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in His role as Comforter #2.

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#### New Ministries:

- **The blessings of the indwelling Christ** – "Christ in you" – Col. 1:27.
- **John 7:37** On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

#### New Ministries:

- The fulness of the Holy Spirit for all Believers to empower them to be witnesses of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
  - **Acts 1:8** But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
  - **Ephesians 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

#### New Ministries:

- The Holy Spirit imparts at least 1 spiritual gift to each NT Believer to use within the Church of which the resurrected Jesus is the head.
  - **1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

- **1 Corinthians 12:7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### What New Ministry Did the Holy Spirit Begin in the NT?

**New Ministries:**

- These are some of the major new ministries of the Holy Spirit in the lives of NT Believers.
- The Holy Spirit, who was the agent of regeneration and indwelling, imparting spiritual life to OT Believers, takes on new roles after Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension.
- The Holy Spirit, who remains the agent of regeneration and indwelling, imparting spiritual life to NT Believers, functions as comforter #2, as the source of power for NT Believers to be effectives witnesses, and imparts spiritual gifts.

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