

MODULE 1 – THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

Week 1 (7th March 2024): The Doctrine of God

Week 2 (14th March 2024): The Doctrine of Christ

Week 3 (21st March 2024): The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit

Week 4 (28th March 2024): The Doctrine of The Trinity

The Person of Christ

1. Jesus is God from the beginning
2. He is the Second Person of the Trinity
3. He is the Word of God
4. He is the High Priest and the only Mediator between us and the Father
5. He was the ultimate sacrifice
6. He gave His life and no one could take it away from Him
7. Salvation is found only in Jesus
8. He is our Teacher
9. He is building His Church where He is the Head and we are His body
10. Jesus is our Prophet, Priest and King

Uniqueness of our God

- ✓ God is our Creator
- ✓ God is our Provider
- ✓ God is our Sustainer
- ✓ Our God is a God of Love
- ✓ Our God is a God of Mercy
- ✓ Our God is a God of Justice
- ✓ Our God is a God of Order
- ✓ Our God is an Unchanging God
- ✓ God Himself has No Beginning or End
- ✓ Our God is Not Bound by Space or Time
- ✓ Our God doesn't have an idol or an image. He is a Jealous God
- ✓ God is "all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present." He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and the Omnipresent God.
- ✓ God is Spirit.
- ✓ God has a personality.
- ✓ He is addressed as a Person and possesses all the attributes of personality.
- ✓ He is an intelligent and moral Being whom we can trust, love and praise.

- ✓ There is none to control Him.
- ✓ He is not capable of the limitations and imperfections of our humanity.
- ✓ There is no other like Him who is “glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders”.
- ✓ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

All of these attributes belong to Jesus & The Holy Spirit in addition to the ones we will see today!

The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit

Based on the above, we can establish the truth by saying that the Holy Spirit is God – the Third Person in the Godhead/Trinity. He always existed and was equally active in the creation and journey of mankind from Adam till Jesus, and continues today. He is the Power of God at work always! He is as equal as Jesus and the Father.

Let us read these verses and share what you think is being talked about the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17,26

Amplified Bible

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you.

²⁶ But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

Another Helper –

The Father (Provider) helped us by sacrificing His Son

Jesus helps us as a Mediator and is our Prophet, Priest & King

The Holy Spirit: Bridge between Jesus and us, and also our Comforter,

Advocate, Intercessor, Counsellor, Strengtheners and Teacher

“another Helper” —The Greek word used here for “Helper” is *paraklētos*, and *para* means “alongside.”

The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Truth.

The world cannot receive Him, but He remains with us continually and is in us.

We are united with Him forever.

Jesus represented the Father.

The Holy Spirit represents Jesus.

He is in place of Jesus. (He is not a substitute and neither does this mean that the work of Jesus is finished and now He is on a break and the work of the Holy Spirit has begun. They all always work together.)

He will do what Jesus would do.

There is nothing that we need to learn, which He won't teach us.

He won't let you forget Jesus.

If we read the Bible and study His Word and feel that we generally don't remember what we have read or studied, we don't have to worry. The Holy Spirit will bring back everything to our memory.

He is the Voice of God.

He is the fulfilment of the promise Jesus made to the disciples (us).

John 16:8-15

Amplified Bible

⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior], and about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in Me [and My message]; ¹⁰ about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character], because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me; ¹¹ about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged *and* condemned.

¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [to hear] them now. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future]. ¹⁴ He will

glorify *and* honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal it to you.

The Holy Spirit brings conviction (not condemnation).

When we share Jesus with others, He does His work – people give their lives to Jesus because the Holy Spirit convicts.

He helps us understand the righteousness that is found in Jesus.

He helps us to walk in integrity.

He prepares us to develop a Godly character.

He assures us of the judgement and reveals the things that will take place.

He tells us of many more things which Jesus would speak to us.

He will not leave you confused, empty and partly filled; He will guide you into the full and complete Truth.

He always hears the Father and is the communicator between us and God, revealing to us about Jesus – everything that we need to know.

He glorifies Jesus because He takes what Jesus wants and reveals it to us.

About the Holy Spirit

He is a person.

He communicates.

He can be felt by our inner being.

He is the Third Member of the Trinity.

He is eternal. (Heb 9:14)

He is omnipresent. (Ps 139:7)

He is omniscient.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Amplified Bible

⁹ but just as it is written [in Scripture],

“THINGS WHICH THE EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND THE EAR HAS NOT HEARD,

AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,

ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, who obey Him, and who gratefully recognize the benefits that He has bestowed].”

¹⁰ For God has unveiled them *and* revealed *them* to us through the [Holy] Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things [diligently], even [sounding and measuring] the

[profound] depths of God [the divine counsels and things far beyond human understanding].

All the plans which God has for us can be found in the Holy Spirit. He is the only one who can take us to the depths of God, His Word, His Will, and no matter how smart and technically advanced we become, there will always be things which will be far beyond human understanding, and the Holy Spirit will reveal them to us.

He is omnipotent.

Luke 1:35

Amplified Bible

Then the angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a cloud]; for that reason the holy (pure, sinless) Child shall be called the Son of God.

He has got all the Power in this Universe.

Personality Attributes

Intellect – He can reason and understand.

Romans 8:27

New Living Translation

And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

Will

1 Corinthians 12:11

Amplified Bible

All these things [the gifts, the achievements, the abilities, the empowering] are brought about by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, distributing to each one individually just as He chooses.

Sensitivity

Ephesians 4:30

New Living Translation

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

He is the guarantee of our salvation.

He gets involved in our daily life situations.

He opens Himself up to us and looks for us to open ourselves to Him in response.

Every believer should know the reality and power of the Holy Spirit. (Jn 7:38-39)

John 7:38-39

Amplified Bible

³⁸ He who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Me], as the Scripture has said, 'From his innermost being will flow *continually* rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But He was speaking of the [Holy] Spirit, whom those who believed in Him [as Savior] were to receive *afterward*. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

The Holy Spirit is the Living Water which Jesus offers to all.

Without the Holy Spirit we could never live in the power of God, or even know God's strength in our daily lives. (See what happened on the day of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, they were suddenly equipped with everything that they ever needed. They got the wisdom and power which overturned the whole world.)

Names of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of sonship

Romans 8:15

Amplified Bible

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God's judgment], but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, "Abba! Father!"

We can call out to our Heavenly Father because of the Holy Spirit inside of us.

The Spirit of Grace (Heb 10:29)

The Holy Spirit imparts the unmerited favour and blessing of God upon us.

The Bible also describes the Holy Spirit through symbols:

- Dove (Mat 3:16)
- Voice (1 Kin 19:12)
- Seal (Eph 1:13)
- Water (Is 44:3)
- Wind (Acts 2:2)
- Fire (Acts 2:3)
- Oil (1 Sam 16:13)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

He enables us to speak as God would have us speak (Mk 13:11).

He gives us the power and ability to be God's witnesses (Acts 1:8).

He enables God's love to be poured into our hearts.

Romans 5:5

Amplified Bible

Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints *us*, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

He testifies with our spirit and assures us that we are the children of God (Rom 8:16).

He helps us in our weakness. He knows our needs and intercedes on our behalf, teaching us how to pray (Rom 8:26).

Romans 8:26

Amplified Bible

In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer *or* how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs *and* groanings too deep for words.

Righteousness, peace and joy is found in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17).

He enables us to overflow with hope (Rom 15:13).

He sanctifies us (Rom 15:16).

When the Holy Spirit is upon us, we can expect what we do to prosper!

Judges 14:6

New King James Version

And the Spirit of the LORD **came mightily** upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

When the Spirit of the Lord fell upon Samson, he was able to tear the lion apart! What is interesting here is how "came mightily" is a Hebrew word that also means "to prosper," which is captured in the Young's Literal Translation of that verse.

"And the Spirit of Jehovah prospereth over him, and he rendeth it as the rending it of a kid, and there is nothing in his hand."

—Judges 14:6 YLT

Even if there is a task you can't seem to complete or seems difficult, when the Holy Spirit is upon you, you will receive might and power and will be able to accomplish that which you were not able to before.

To help us connect with and engage the Holy Spirit, our Father has given us a gift: we will be able to pray in tongues when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit! This is a powerful language from heaven that the enemy cannot comprehend and that will bless us tremendously!

He gives us His Gifts as He determines (1 Cor 12:4-11).

He enables the Fruit of the Spirit in us (Gal 5:22-23).

Galatians 5:22-23

Amplified Bible

²² But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The Fruit of the Spirit is the evidence in our lives of the work of the Holy Spirit in changing us into the likeness and nature of Jesus. The Fruit of the Spirit showcases the character of Jesus.

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

We overcome the enemy

1 John 4:4

Amplified Bible

Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God *and* you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind].

We receive the Power to Share (Acts 1:8)

The word 'power' here is 'dunamis' which is the word from which we get our English word 'dynamite'. God wants us to be filled with that same power so that we can be the witnesses and share the gospel. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, not only are we enabled to speak about Jesus, but we also become like Jesus. When we speak, pray, and touch people in the power of the Holy Spirit, it will be as if Jesus was with them.

John 14:12

Amplified Bible

I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father.

Today, many of us are living lives led by our own desires, thoughts and intellect. Though we're a generation that's probably the most advanced than any other before, we're seeing more darkness; wars, high divorce rates, bitterness and hatred across societies, depression and anxiety. This is because we were never meant to live by reasoning or intellect alone. God made us to live being led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 NKJV

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

We need to rely on the Holy Spirit completely.

The Key to a Spirit-led life is Praying in Tongues (Praying in the Spirit)

God wants the best for us. **Isaiah 48:17 (ESV)** says, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."

In the world today we live around lies. For everything there is a worldly solution. Most people in the world are not happy and get into depression and bondages.

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"

—**John 8:31–32 NKJV**

Whether it's about yourself or the situation you're in, instead of turning to the world for answers, get your truth in God's Word! The more we continue in God's Word, the more we will know the truth.

Earlier in John 14:16–18, our Lord Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth, and in John 16:12–14, He said that when this Spirit of truth comes, He will guide us into all truth! This truth includes everything that we do, whether it's in the area of our parenting, our careers, or studies, our relationships.

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

—**Romans 5:5 NIV**

This shows us that when we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive a sense of the Father's love for us.

Conclusion

1. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Triune Godhead, who wants to be our Counsellor and lead us to Jesus and to God the Father.
2. The Holy Spirit is the source of power available to believers, to enable them to do God's will and be what God wants them to be.
3. Through the Holy Spirit we can have the power and character of Jesus.
4. We need to learn to always acknowledge the Holy Spirit.
5. He directs us to Jesus and helps us understand the works of Christ. He also draws us closer to the Father and helps us to understand the love of God.