

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

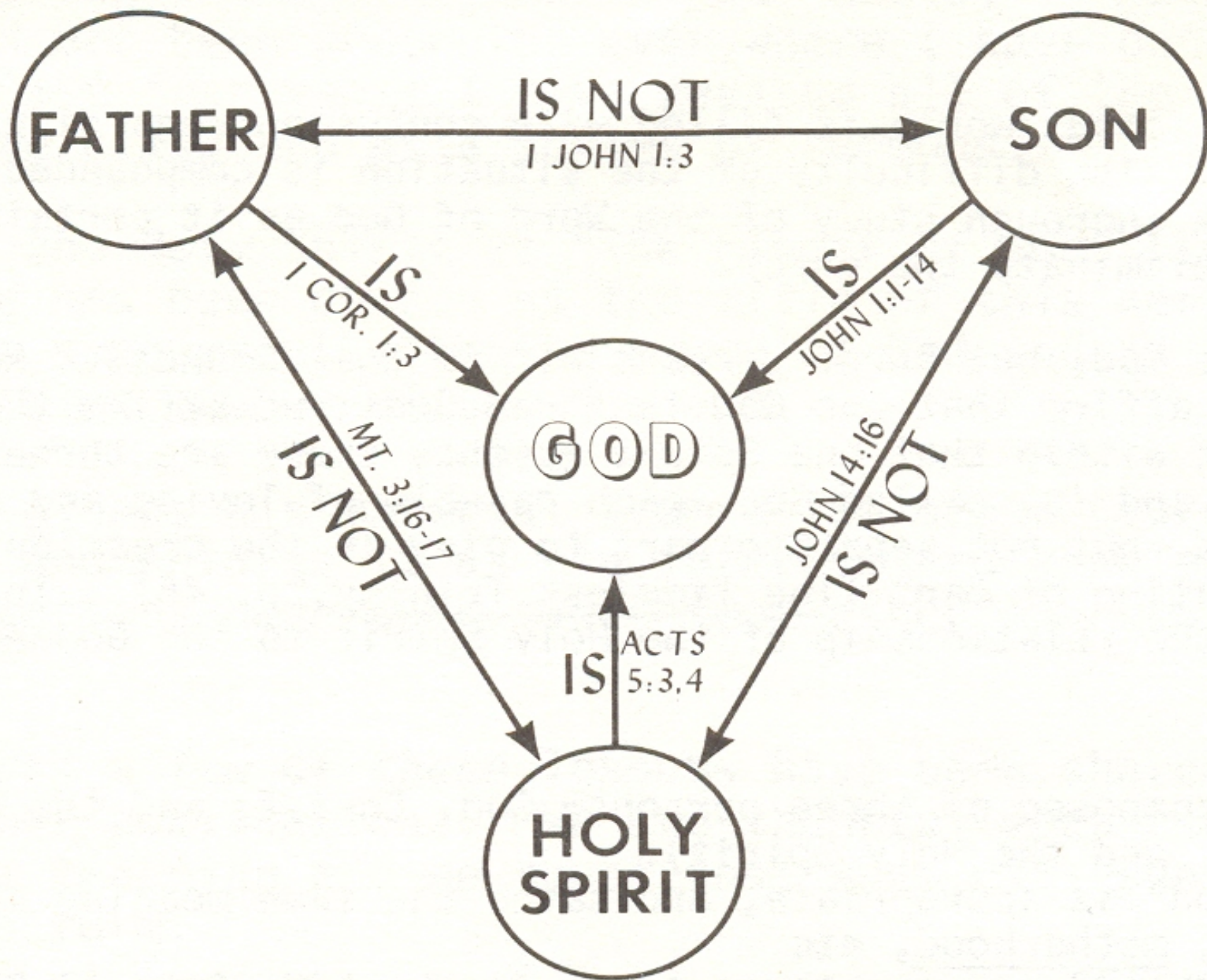
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- ⦿ A study of the Holy Spirit is important to the Christian because of the false doctrines that are taught about Him and are prevalent today. Those doctrines lead men away from conversion to Christ, away from true worship of God, and away from walking by faith.
- ⦿ We should go to the Scriptures for a knowledge and understanding of the Holy Spirit, for the Scriptures contain His own testimony concerning Himself.
- ⦿ Our study concerns the Holy Spirit, but because the word “spirit” in the Bible does not always refer to the Holy Spirit, we must be careful to not apply to the Holy Spirit the Scriptures which speak of another spirit, and we must be careful to apply to the Holy Spirit only those Scriptures that speak of the Holy Spirit.

- ① The Holy Spirit is not some mystical being or simply an influence or force.
- ① He performs the works of divine power, He possesses the attributes of God, and His works and characteristics show Him to be of the divine nature.
- ① The Holy Spirit is God just as much as the Father and Jesus Christ the Son are God.

## Each of these three possesses all the qualities and attributes of divinity, and each is called God

- ⦿ The Father – John 6:27, 44-45; 20:17; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:6
- ⦿ The Son, Jesus Christ – John 1:1, 14; 20:28-29; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8-9
- ⦿ The Holy Spirit – Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 4:30
  
- ⦿ The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father, and neither the Father nor the Son is the Spirit. Each is a distinct being, possessing all the qualities of deity.
  
- ⦿ For your consideration, it has been explained in this way:
  - All of these divine beings together constitute the one God, or the godhead. As there is one man (humanity or mankind), so there is one God (divinity, or godhood). As there are individual beings in one humanity, there are individual beings in one godhead.



Every member of the Godhead has a part in the singular purpose of the redemption of man

- Ephesians 3:1-11
- The Father – 3:6; 1:3-6
- The Son – 3:11; 1:7-9
- The Holy Spirit – 3:5-7; 1:8-10

- ◎ The Holy Spirit is a person in the Godhead, just as is Jesus Christ the Son and God the Father.
- ◎ We may not be able to comprehend how it can be, but we can accept it by faith because it is written. The things revealed are for us to know; the secret things belong to God.
- ◎ The Bible does not teach one individual in the Godhead manifesting Himself in three ways, nor does it teach three different gods.

# The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- ◎ Some of the names of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
  - The Spirit of God (e.g. Genesis 1:2)
  - The Spirit of the Lord (e.g. Judges 3:10)
  - The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah (e.g. Isaiah 61:1)
  - My Spirit (e.g. Joel 2:29)



# Activities of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

## ◎ Active in creation

- Genesis 1:2, 2:7; Job 33:4
- Job 26:13

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- ◎ We read of Him coming upon some men, such as
  - Artisan in building the tabernacle
    - Exodus 31:3
  - Judges
    - Judges 3:10, 6:34, 11:29
  - Kings
    - 1 Samuel 10:10; 2 Samuel 23:2

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- ◎ His work in revealing the words of God
  - The law of Moses
    - Nehemiah 9:20
  - Prophecies
    - Numbers 24:2
    - Nehemiah 9:30
    - Zechariah 7:12

## Activities of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

### ◎ 1 Peter 1:10-12

- “Concerning which salvation **the prophets** sought and searched diligently, who **prophesied** of the grace that should come unto you: searching what time or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them** did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you **through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit** sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.”

### ◎ Spirit of Christ

- Romans 8:9 – Holy Spirit

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## ● 2 Peter 1:16-21

“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: and this voice we ourselves heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.

And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that **no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

## Activities of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

### ● 2 Timothy 3:14-17

“But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a babe thou hast known **the sacred writings** which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Every scripture inspired of God** is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.”