

The study of the Holy Spirit; a member of the Godhead

Week 4

Let me comment on a personal request by someone about moving too fast or slow; moving too fast or slow is entirely up to you! You have all the resources at your finger tips: the written review provided about the previous week's discussions, and the specific Holy Scriptures that we talk and discuss each week. Our focus, on Wednesday night, is an interaction with each other about the specific reading recommended, and done by all in advance of the class, any questions we might have, and a detailed discussion about the context and meaning of what was said. It's that discussion that can seem overwhelming sometimes and a student may need to review what was said by the class director or a fellow student and that discussion is available to everyone on our congregation's website. (Talk to Paul about "website questions")

Last week: **March 19th**- written review... "The person of the Holy Spirit as a member of the Godhead"

Godhead is defined as 'that which is in God which makes Him God; which is unique to God' [Note; we have mentioned other examples as "manhood, childhood, and womanhood, etc...]

- 1.) God is the Creator; the giver of life; unique to God...
- 2.) Eternal; no beginning, with no end; also, unique to God... (**Gen 1-3** specifically, **Gen 1:26**, and **Gen 3:22**)
- 3.) The word used for 'Godhead' is used three times in the New Testament; **Acts 17:29**, **Romans 1:20**, and **Col 2:9**...
- 4.) **Col 2:9**; "...for in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (in bodily form) Now, remembering the definition of "the Godhead" (that which is in God which makes Him God, unique to God...) that "fullness" (of the Godhead) is in Jesus Christ spiritually! [The only difference, He is flesh and blood; God is a Spirit!]

We covered two main passages in previous weeks, **1Cor 2:1-12** and **1Cor 12:1-20**, with regards to the work of the Holy Spirit; **1Cor 2:10-12**, as the Revealer of the mind of God, because God is the only one that can reveal His mind. (**Acts 5:1-5**)

And, **1Cor 12:1-20**, as the Distributor of gifts in the church, for the profit of all, as He wills! (**1Cor 12:11**). We also noted the interchangeable use of the Spirit of God and the Holy Spirit in verse 3, the use of Spirit and the Lord in verses 4 and 5, and the use of God ('just as He pleases"; verse 11), for the Spirit in verse 18. [Note; also, that the Spirit is in control of the spread of the gospel; Acts 16:6]

And we have mentioned and noted the unity between the Godhead working in the church for the salvation of mankind:

- 1.) **Matt 28:18-19**, "...And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit...'"
- 2.) **Romans 15:30**, "...Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me..."
- 3.) **2Cor 13:14**, "...The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen..."

Our assignment was to read **John 14-16**; the context of that teaching is "the night Jesus was betrayed" and the special instructions for His 12 Apostles...

John 14:1-31:

Verse 1: "believe in God" and "believe in Me" and He said that because of verses 7-10, that Jesus is God and God the Father is in Him and if you see Me you see the Father, etc...

Verse 2: "In My Father's house..." many dwellings" He will go to prepare a dwelling for them... I think His Father's house is different then the dwelling He goes to prepare. (Matt 16:18) If you don't its ok!

Verse 6: "I am the Way, the truth, the life..." (John 1:1-14) the ONLY way; no one comes to the Father except through Him...[Again, just a reminder, always "the Father" yet, we know that is where Jesus is too!]

Verse 7: To know Jesus is to know the Father, and let me say to know God...

Verse 9: If you "see" Jesus (know Him) you have "seen" the Father (and know the Father...)

Verse 10: "...I am in the Father and the Father in Me (Jesus) All authority is not His but the Father's... [But note; the Father dwells in Him and does the works, but "all authority" was given to Him, but says here, "I do not speak on My own authority..." **Matt 28:18]**

Describe how we should understand this and blend the other passages?