

Basic Christianity – 4 The Holy Spirit

[Four Basic Facts Concerning the Holy Spirit]

#1 Personhood (personality)

The Holy Spirit is a personal being, NOT an impersonal force.

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit is treated as a Person, given attributes of personality, such as emotions, actions, intellect and a desire for relationship.

Eph. 4:30 (KJV)

Grieve not the Holy Spirit

I Thess. 5:19 (KJV)

Quench not the Holy Spirit

John 16:13-16 (KJV)

When He comes

He will guide

He will be with you

#2 Deity (Divine) He is the Third Person of the Godhead (Trinity).

He possesses divine attributes, such as omnipotence and omnipresence.

He performs miracles only God could do, like the creation of the world and the miraculous conception of Jesus.

II Cor. 13:14 (KJV)

Ex. Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:3-4 (KJV)

“You lied not to man, but God.”

#3 Personal salvation (Note: Jesus died for our sins and provided salvation for the world)

The Holy Spirit reveals our need for salvation, God’s plan for salvation and executes that plan in our hearts and lives.

The Holy Spirit is directly involved in personal salvation.

[Six Operations of the Spirit]

1. Conviction – “who Jesus is and our need.” (John 16:8) ref

2. Regeneration – “new birth” (Titus 3:5) ref

3. Indwelling – “God’s Presence with us” (John 14:17) ref

4. Baptism – “into the body of Christ” (I Cor. 12:13) ref

5. Sealing – “security and assurance with God” (Eph. 1:13) ref

6. Infilling – (will talk about later) (Eph. 5:18) ref

#4 The Gifts

The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts (abilities) to us as believers.

By these gifts, we serve one another.

By these gifts, we minister one to another.

By these gifts, we supply and meet needs one to another.

I Cor. 12:1-11