

# Who Is He?

## THE GOD WE GET WRONG

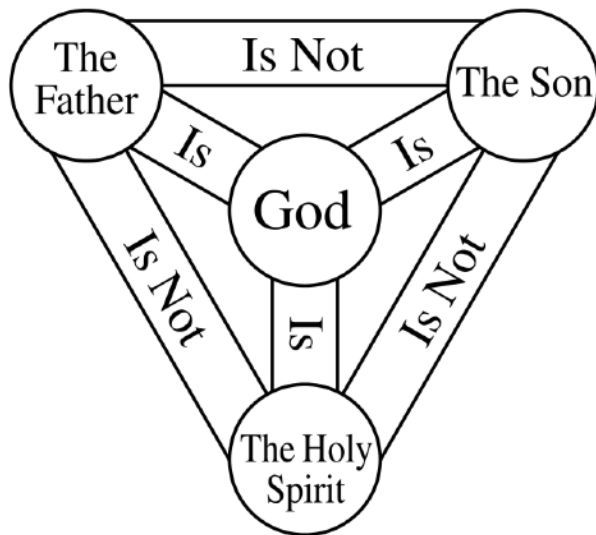
Reality #1

The Holy Spirit Is \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 3:16** After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Of God

- One God
- Three Persons
- Equality of Three Persons
  - Equality is \_\_\_\_\_ sameness
  - Being or Essence - \_\_\_\_\_ something is
  - Person - \_\_\_\_\_ someone is



**1 John 4:8** But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (NLT)

- Philosophical PROBLEM Of Love
  - Love has an object (lover) and a subject (lovee)
  - If God is the Object (lover), then God \_\_\_\_\_ a subject (lovee)...see the problem?
  - That means God is not \_\_\_\_\_, dependent on His creation to love and be loved.
  - However, if God is \_\_\_\_\_ Object and Subject, He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 19:24** Then the Lord [YHWH] rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord [YHWH] out of heaven, (NASB)

\_\_\_\_\_ Of God - H.A.N.D.S.

- H - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Scripture indicates that God alone is to be worshipped (Deut. 6:13; Matt. 4:9-10), yet Jesus is worshipped and accepts such worship (Matt. 14:33; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 1:17), so who does that mean Jesus truly is?
  - If Jesus were merely human, it would be wrong to honor Him as God alone is to be honored.
  - Yet we read that devout Jews in the New Testament bowed down and worshipped Jesus ("doubting" Thomas in John 20:28), and that Jesus accepted that worship.
  - **Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 4:8-9, 14:33; John 16:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-14**
- A - \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Bible tells us that Jesus has the same attributes as God: being eternal (John 1:1-3; 8:58), all-powerful (Matt. 28:18), all-knowing (John 21:17), and loving (Rom. 8:35-39).

- If someone possessed the same characteristics, the same nature as God, in the same way that God did, what would that make Him?
- **John 1:1-3; Revelation 19:1; Genesis 1:1-2; Romans 15:13; Romans 8:22-24**
- **N** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus is said to have been given the name that is above every other name (Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus is called God (John 20:28), Lord (Acts 1:24), the King of kings (Rev 19:16), Savior (Luke 2:11), and the First and the Last (Rev 1:7-8).
  - **Philippians 2:9-11**
- **D** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who can do the things that God alone does? Jesus is said to be the creator (John 1:3), the sustainer of all things (Heb. 1:2-3), He is sovereign over the forces of nature (Matt. 8:23-27), the one who forgives sins (Matt. 9:1-8), and even the one who gives life (John 1:4; 5:21).
  - In fact, everything God does for us, Jesus does for us. How should one respond to such blessings?
  - **Hebrews 1:1-4; Romans 8:9-11**
- **S** - \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - Lastly, Jesus sits on God's throne (Rev. 3:21), ruling over all things (Rev 5:13). This is nothing short of claiming to be equal with God (John 10:27-33).
  - **Acts 5:31-32; Revelation 3:20-22, 5:13**

### \_\_\_\_\_ God

- Spirit of God, God's Spirit, Holy Spirit

**Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. **4** The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" (NLT)

- He is called the Spirit of God or the Spirit of Christ

**John 14:15** "If you love me, obey my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, [Comforter, or Encourager, or Counselor. Greek reads Paraclete] who will never leave you. **17** He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. **18** No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you." (NLT)

- **Paraclete:** Advocates on behalf of someone else. (Helper, Comforter)

**John 16:5** "But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. **6** Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. **7** But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment." (NLT)

- The invisible Holy Spirit in us is better than the physical Jesus with us

**1 John 4:13** And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. (NLT)

### \_\_\_\_\_ Of God

- He is omnipresent (all present)

**Psalms 139:7** I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! **8** If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. (NLT)

- He is omniscient. (all knowing) He reveals "the deep things of God."

**1 Corinthians 2:10** But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. **11** No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. (NLT)

- He is omnipotent (all-powerful)

**Luke 1:35** The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the holy Child will be called the Son of God. (NASB)

**Acts 10:38** And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (NLT)

**Ephesians 3:16** I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. (NLT)

- He is eternal.

**Hebrews 9:14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. (NLT)

- He creates things only God can create

**Psalms 104:30** When you give them your breath [When you send your Spirit], life is created, and you renew the face of the earth. (NLT)

- He inspired Scripture (Word of God)

**2 Peter 1:20** Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,

**21** or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. (NLT)

- He is given equal honor and authority as God

**Matthew 28:19** "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (NLT)

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**Reality #2**

**The Holy Spirit Is \_\_\_\_\_**

- He thinks and knows.

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- He intercedes on our behalf.

**Romans 8:26** And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. **27** 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. (NLT)

- He comforts and counsels.

**John 15:23** "Anyone who hates me also hates my Father. **24** If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. **25** This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures [Psalm 35:19; 69:4]: 'They hated me without cause.' **26** "But I will send you the Advocate [Comforter, or Encourager, or Counselor. Greek reads Paraclete.]—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. **27** And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry." (NLT)

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- Chooses gifts to give.

**1 Corinthians 12:7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. **9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. (NLT)

- Appoints people to positions.

**Acts 13:2** One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." (NLT)

**Acts 20:28** "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders." (NLT)

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- He can be grieved.

**Ephesians 4:30** 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. (NLT)

- He can be lied to.

**Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. **4** The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" (NLT)

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Reality #3

The Holy Spirit Is \_\_\_\_\_

## Working In \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit Brings \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 12:3** So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. *(NLT)*

**John 16:8** "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment." *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit Brings \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Holy Spirit Advocates on our behalf to God.

**John 16:5** "But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. **6** Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. **7** But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. **8** "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. **9** The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. **10** Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. **11** Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged." *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit confirms we are God's children.

**Romans 8:15** So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **16** For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit convinces us we have right standing before God.
- The Holy Spirit Brings \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Thessalonians 2:6** And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. **7** For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. **8** Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming. **9** This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. **10** He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. *(NLT)*

## Working In \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, once for all time.

**Romans 3:25** For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, **26** for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. *(NLT)*

- Jesus returns to heaven, and the Holy Spirit is working on His behalf.

**John 14:26** Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. **24** Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. **25** I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. **26** But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit connects us to God

**Ephesians 1:13** And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit helps us pray.

**Jude 1:20** But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit gives us new life (a new beginning).

**John 3:5** Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. **6** Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. **7** So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." *(NLT)*

**Titus 3:4** But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, **5** he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit gives us hope and peace.

**Romans 15:13** I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. *(NLT)*

**Working In** \_\_\_\_\_

- Process of becoming like Christ.

**1 Peter 1:2** God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 6:11** Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit leads us away from sinful desires and toward Godly desires.

**Galatians 5:16** So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. **18** But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. *(NLT)*

**Working In** \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to share with the Church

**1 Corinthians 12:4** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 12:7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit produces spiritual fruit in us, making us more like Jesus.

**Galatians 5:19** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension,

division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. **22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. **25** Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. **26** Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit gives spiritual wisdom to understand God and His plan.

**1 Corinthians 2:10** But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit teaches us spiritual truths.

**1 Corinthians 2:11** No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. **12** And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. **13** When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. *(NLT)*

**Working In** \_\_\_\_\_

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**John 15:26** "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me." *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to be bold in our faith.

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." *(NLT)*

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to live a Godly life.

**Ephesians 1:19** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power **20** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. **21** Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. *(NLT)*

**2 Peter 1:3** By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. **4** And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. *(NLT)*

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