

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST



"Who He Is"

- Most of us have experienced The Holy Ghost... BUT DO WE REALLY KNOW HIM?
 - Many people in the church have inherited beliefs about the Holy Ghost that were passed down or repeated-but never truly examined through Scripture.
 - Many modern-day Pentecostals know so little about the fullness of the Spirit.
 - Very few churches even discuss the Person of the Holy Ghost.
- We know church culture, church tradition, denominational language, we have emotional moments-but do we actually possess a strong BIBLICAL FOUNDATION of the Holy Spirit?
- Because if we are going to be a HEALTHY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, we must be a BIBLICALLY GROUNDED CHURCH.
- We are living in a special time in history when people are seeking real, authentic Pentecostal worship more than ever before.
 - We must have answers for them.
 - We must build our foundation on the WORD OF GOD.
 - We cannot build our understanding on hearsay, personality, emotionalism, or what somebody said years ago.
 - We need to walk them through the Scriptures and point them to the Spirit.

**At Bethlehem.. He is God WITH US.
At Calvary... He is God FOR US.
At Pentecost... He is GOD IN US.**

THE HOLY GHOST:

- Hovered over creation
- Empowered prophets
- Overshadowed Mary
- Descended upon Jesus
- Filled the Upper Room
- Empowered the early church
- And He is still moving today

THE HOLY GHOST IS:

- Creator
- Comforter
- Teacher
- Convicter
- Spirit
- Guide
- Helper
- God



1.The Holy Ghost is God

- He is co-equal, co-existing with God the Father and God the Son.
 - ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS
- In the Church of God: We believe in ONE GOD existing eternally in 3 distinct Persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost.
 - Not 3 manifestations, but 3 distinct Persons.
 - The Holy Ghost was not formed or created.
 - He existed from the beginning.
 - He was PRESENT IN CREATION
- Genesis 1:1-2
 - "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."
- Jesus ACKNOWLEDGED IN SCRIPTURE as God
- Matthew 28:19 - Baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 - Paul acknowledges All Three.

2.The Holy Ghost is a Person

- The Spirit is not an 'it' but HE.
- HE SPEAKS
 - Acts 13:2 - "The Holy Ghost said..."
 - Revelation 2:7 - "Hear what the Spirit saith..."
 - He speaks through the Word, circumstances, conviction, direction, gifts, encouragement, and more.
- HE TEACHES
 - John 14:26 - "He shall teach you all things..."
 - He illuminates Scripture, reveals truth, gives discernment, and teaches our hearts.
- HE RESPONDS
 - Ephesians 4:30 - "Grieve not the Holy Spirit..."
 - Acts 5:3-5 - He responds to sin and dishonesty.
 - He can be grieved. He is a Person with emotion who desires obedience and a pure heart.

3.The Holy Ghost Desires a Relationship

- He wants more than occasional visitation-
- He wants to dwell in us.
- In the Old Testament - He Came Upon People
 - He would come down, clothe them, occasionally.
- In the New Testament - He Comes Within Us
- John 14:16-17 - "He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."