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LESSON 38: THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

Main Point: *The Holy Spirit of God is a real and distinct Person, named throughout Scripture, fully God, and the one who formed and now fills the church of Jesus Christ.*

I. His Names

- A. The Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Isaiah 7-14; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- B. The Spirit of God (Matthew 3:16; Genesis 1:2; Exodus 31:3; Philippians 3:3; 1 John 4:2)
- C. The Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9; Philippians 1:19)
- D. The Spirit of holiness (Romans 1:4); the Spirit of life (Romans 8:2); and the Spirit of truth (John 14:17; 16:13; 1 John 4:6); the Spirit of wisdom and understanding (Isaiah 11:2; Ephesians 1:17); the Spirit of counsel and might (Isaiah 11:2); the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2); the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15); the Spirit of glory (1 Peter 4:14).
- E. The Helper or Comforter (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)

II. His Deity

- A. His relationship with the Father and the Son
- B. His attributes
 - 1. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14)
 - 2. He is the truth (1 John 5:6)
 - 3. He is holy by nature (Matthew 12:31-32)
 - 4. He is omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:9-11)
 - 5. He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7)
- C. His work
 - 1. In creation (Psalm 104:27-30; Job 33:4)
 - 2. In sustaining the creation (Psalm 104:27-30)

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3. In common mercies toward all people (Matthew 5:44-45; Acts 14:15-17)
4. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and someday us (Romans 8:11)
5. In adoption and regeneration (Romans 8:14-17; Titus 3:5-6)
6. In interceding for the saints before the Father (Romans 8:16-18)
7. In making things new and holy (Titus 3:1-7)
8. In the inspiration of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 20-21)

D. His worship

III. His Coming Into the World

- John 7:37-39; Acts 2:1-4; 17-18

IV. Implications

- A. Receive His comfort (John 16:7)
- B. Receive His conviction (John 16:8)
- C. Know the truth (John 16:12-13; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- D. Worship (John 16:14)
- E. Pray (Romans 8:26-27)
- F. Be assured of the security of your salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- G. Live by His power (Ephesians 1:15-23; 1 John 4:4)
- H. Preserve unity