

“Make Him Explicit, Or You’ll Miss It”

Intro – Your Pastors’ Passions

When we read the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation, we find that the Person and work of God’s Spirit is EXPLICIT:

Gen. 1:1-2 - Very first verses of the Bible

Ex. 31:1-3 - The Spirit of God empowered the building of the Tabernacle

Num. 11:17; 27:18 - God empowered Israel’s leaders with the Spirit

Judg. 14:6, 19; 15:14 - God protected Israel from the Philistines through a Spirit-filled Samson

Ps. 51:11 - King David’s pray to God

2 Kings 2:9 - Elisha needed the power of God’s Spirit

Daniel 4:8-9; 5:11-20 - Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams by the Spirit

Luke 1 & 2

[A list of all of the references to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament will be available here:
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My desire is for LCC to make the Person and work of the Holy Spirit as EXPLICIT as He is in the Scriptures so that we will experience the same kind of ministry that we see in the Scriptures.

The Person of the Holy Spirit:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

HE is the “Third” Person of the Trinity; He is as much God as God the Father and the Son.

Here are some of the Spirit’s titles that declare His Divinity:

Gen. 1:2 ...*the Spirit of God...*

Luke 4:18 ...*the Spirit of the Lord...*

1 Cor. 6:11 ...*the Spirit of our God...*

2 Cor. 3:3 ...*the Spirit of the living God...*

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as a Person – “He”

John 16:13-14 “When **He**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He** will guide you into all the truth; for **He** will not speak on **His** own initiative, but whatever **He** hears, **He** will speak; and **He** will disclose to you what is to come. **14He** shall glorify Me; for **He** shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.”

The Holy Spirit has personal attributes:

❖ **A Will:** (1 Cor. 12:11)

❖ **A Mind:** (Rom. 8:27)

❖ **Emotions:** (Eph. 4:30)

The work of the Holy Spirit:

“...the Holy Spirit is the applier of salvation. It is His work to bring to us, and to make actual in us, in an experiential manner, that great salvation which we have been considering together and which the Son of God came into the world in order to work out.” –**D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones**, *God the Holy Spirit*

“...were it not for the work of the Holy Spirit, there would be no gospel, no faith, no church, no Christianity in the world at all.” –**J.I. Packer**

- **The Holy Spirit is the most ESSENTIAL Person in the church.**

John 15:26

- ***Jesus knew that our greatest need is the empowerment of the Spirit if we are to be His faithful witnesses.***

We must strive to resist the danger of *assumption*, of taking the Spirit for granted.

1 Cor. 2:1-5

How the Spirit witnesses of Jesus in us:

God saved us **by** giving us the Spirit: **Ezek. 36:26-27**

NOW that the Spirit lives **IN** us [**Rom. 5:5; 8:9**], He begins to change our dispositions, attitudes, desires, feelings, actions, etc [**Rom. 12:1-2**].

Col. 3:12-17 “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

It is the Holy Spirit who clothes us with all the attributes of Jesus.

- ⊕ Obedience: **1 Sam. 15:22; Deut. 28:47-48**
- ⊕ Joyfully serving one another: **Gal 6:1-2; 1 John 3:17**
- ⊕ Giving: **2 Cor. 9:7**
- ⊕ Gifts by the Spirit: **1 Cor. 12:11**
- ⊕ Overcoming sin by the Spirit: **Gal. 5:16**
- ⊕ Evangelize by the Spirit: **Acts 1:8**
- ⊕ Victory over Satan by the Spirit: **Matt. 12:28-29**

We CAN do all things through Christ, but only by the Spirit!

Let’s make our need for the Spirit EXPLICIT.

Jer. 29:13 “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”