

I. Series: The Spirit, the Body, and the Gifts

A. Paul introduces three concepts that each deserve attention

1. The Spirit (12:1-11)
2. The Body (12:12-30)
3. The Gifts (12:1-14:40)

B. They each deserve attention because of the integral relation between them

1. (12:2-11) Without knowledge of the truth,
 - a. the Corinthians previously gave themselves to pagan idolatry
 - b. They are applying pagan concepts to their Christians experience
 - (1) The Spirit of God leads to saving
 - (2) The same Spirit of God enables Christian life
 - (a) **Every life experience relative to Jesus Christ is enabled and accomplished through the will and working of the Holy Spirit**
 - i) **1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV) *All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.***
 - ii) **Philippians 2:13 (ESV) *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.***
 - (b) Every
 - i) Act of faith
 - ii) Act of love
 - iii) Act of service
 - (c) Is offered to God through Christ by the Spirit
2. The Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ, and the Gifts of the Spirit form one integrated whole manifested in the world as the church of Jesus Christ
 - a. Integration vs Association
 - b. Without the presence and work of the Holy Spirit
 - (1) Christian faith would be lifeless and dead
 - (2) Christian lives that are powerless and lifeless probably are without the integral presence of the Holy Spirit

II. Who is the Holy Spirit?

A. Mythbuster 101

1. The Holy Spirit is not some warm, fuzzy feeling that comes on you when you sing your favorite contemporary Christian praise song or old time hymn. In fact, the Holy Spirit is not an effect at all, but a Person.
 - a. The definition of “person” - a being possessing
 - (1) Intellect
 - (2) Emotion
 - (3) Will

- b. The evidence the Holy Spirit is a “person”
 - (1) The use of personal pronouns
 - (2) Activity suggestive of personness
- 2. The Holy Spirit is God just as the Father is God and the Son is God.
 - a. **Acts 5:1-6 Ananias and Sapphira**
 - (1) The Holy Spirit is a Person -You can lie to a person but not a force or an effect
 - (2) The Holy Spirit is God - “You have not lied to men but to God.”
 - b. **That the Holy Spirit is a divine Person requires that we not only believe in Him but live daily in relationship with Him.**

B. The key to successfully navigating this world as a disciple of Jesus is a relationship with God the Holy Spirit.

- 1. **Ephesians 2:18 (ESV) *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.***
- 2. Keep being filled
 - a. Keep trusting Christ - Not only for salvation but for every grace necessary for faithfulness
 - b. Keep acting in faith - faith depends on supernatural resources supplied by the Holy Spirit
 - c. Keep serving God’s glory - forces the death of self and pride, the work of the Spirit in preparing the soul for glory
 - d. Keep loving one another -
 - (1) the love of Christ is spread abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 - (2) loving invites the ongoing presence and work of God the Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, the Personality Of

He creates and gives life	Job 33:4
He appoints and commissions ministers	Isaiah 48:16; Acts 13:2, Acts 20:28
He directs ministers where to preach	Acts 8:29, Acts 10:19-20
He directs ministers where not to preach	Acts 16:6-7
He instructs ministers what to preach	1Cor 2:13
He spoke in, and by, the prophets	Acts 1:16, 1Peter 1:11-12, 2Peter 1:21
He strives with sinners	Gen 6:3
He reproves	John 16:8
He comforts	Acts 9:31
He helps our infirmities	Romans 8:26
He teaches	John 14:26, 1Cor 12:3
He guides	John 16:13
He sanctifies	Romans 15:16, 1Cor 6:11
He testifies of Christ	John 15:26
He glorifies Christ	John 16:14
He has a power of his own	Romans 15:13
He searches all things	Romans 11:33-34. 1Cor 2:10-11
He works according to his own will	1Cor 12:11
He dwells with saints	John 14:17
He can be grieved	Eph 4:30
He can be vexed	Isaiah 63:10
He can be resisted	Acts 7:51
He can be tempted	Acts 5:9