

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR FRIEND

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Who is the Holy Spirit? Where does He come from? What does He do? These are just a few questions that many Christians can't answer. In this message we are going to find out how much the Holy Spirit is part of the Christian life.

We meet the Holy Spirit in the first chapter of the book of Genesis. It is here that we learn that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. **Genesis 1:2**

In the same chapter we are given the astonishing information that God is speaking to someone and discussing the creation of man. **verses 26-27**

We find that God is telling someone, "*Let us make man in our image...*"

FACT: The Hebrew word for God in chapter one of Genesis is "Elohim," which means "Gods" (plural). But doesn't the Bible teach that there is only one God? Yes, as stated in **Isaiah 45:21-22** and **46:9-11**.

In the Old Testament we are told about God, we are told that God has a Spirit and the coming Messiah was foretold. But it is not until Jesus came to earth that He gave us the full understanding of the interconnection between these three entities.

Even if King David did not fully understand the relationship between God the Father, the Messiah to come and the Holy Spirit, he still recognized that he could not live without the Holy Spirit. **Psalms 51:9-12**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

When the virgin Mary was visited by Gabriel the angel, he told her that the child she would bear would be conceived by the Holy Spirit. **Luke 1:26-37**

In the same chapter we discover that Mary's cousin, Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was filled with the Holy Spirit. **verses 39-44**

The Holy Spirit had spoken to a man by the name of Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah in the flesh. **Luke 2:25-35**

Some 30 years later when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. **Luke 3:21-23**

John the Baptist was the first one to announce that the Messiah would baptize people with the Holy Ghost and fire. **Matthew 3:11-12**

Jesus spoke about living water, referring to the Holy Spirit. **John 7:37-39**

JESUS REVEALS THE GODHEAD

It was Jesus who revealed that God was His Father and that Jesus was the Son of God, making Him divine and equal with God. **John 5:17-47**



The apostles did not understand that Jesus was God and asked Him to show them the Father. **John 14:8-11**

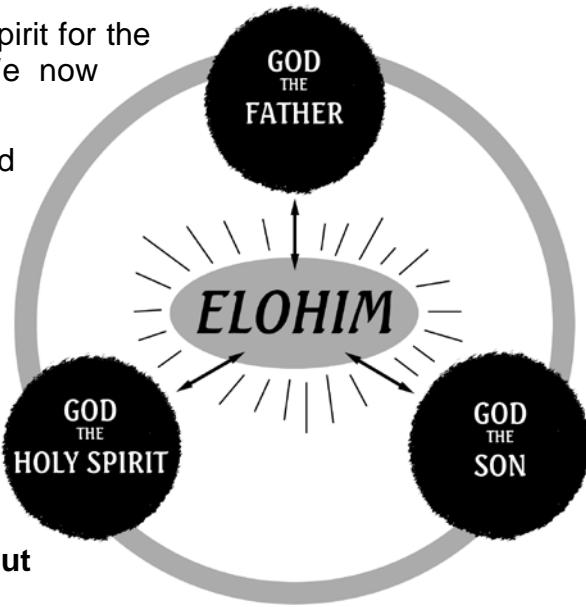
Jesus gave an explanation of the work of the Holy Spirit before He was crucified. **John 16:5-16**

In these verses Jesus is calling the Holy Spirit for the "Comforter" and "the Spirit of Truth." We now know the truth about Elohim.

Elohim is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God is triune and He made man triune. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, yet one.

They can operate separately from one another. Man has a body, soul and spirit, but he is not three persons, neither can any of his components operate separately from one another.

Man was made in the likeness of God, but not equal to God!



WHAT WILL THE HOLY SPIRIT DO FOR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST?

1. He will be a comforter.
2. He will guide us into all truth
3. He will show us things to come
4. He will empower the Christian. **Acts 1:4-8**
5. He will manifest supernatural gifts in the Christian. **1 Corinthians 12:1-13**

The Holy Spirit is the friend of every born again believer in Christ. Are you a friend of the Holy Spirit?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?