

THE MESSENGER FEBRUARY 5, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting February 12 Our Next Gospel Meeting

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom
Friday at 1 on Zoom
Times of Sources

Times of Service Sunday

Bible study: 945 AM Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM (Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month Singing

February 3, 7:30

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Paul brings his second letter to the Corinthians to a close with this statement; "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (13:14)

What do you know about the third member of the Godhead, or Trinity (a common term, though not found in Scripture, when listing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together)? Are you comfortable discussing Him? Do you know what He does and how He does it? What is His primary function in the world and, even more specifically, among Christians? Should we pray to Him or worship Him? Does He communicate with people today and, if so, how does He do it? Does He empower Christians today? If so, how? All of these questions and more need to be considered whenever discussing the Holy Spirit. Are you equipped to have that discussion?

Many of us are not. In fact, this series of articles about the Holy Spirit comes by way of request. A Christian has admitted ignorance in this area and, commendably, what's to learn what the Bible says on the topic. I suppose most Christians would say they know less about the Holy Spirit than they do the Father and Son. I also suspect many of us would admit we're far more comfortable talking about the Father and the Son than the Holy Spirit.

In my experience listening to sermons for all of my life and preaching them for nearly half of it, there has been an obvious reticence in speaking in much detail on the Holy Spirit. Some of us have suggested that this is because Scripture does not have much to say about the Holy Spirit. I've said that myself, though even a cursory reading shows that's not really true. In fact, the

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

To Our Guests

Interested in a Bible study? Either let one of us know or mark it on your visitor card.

Visit us on Facebook, YouTube, or our website to watch or listen to sermons. Holy Spirit is mentioned far more often than we might recall. Some of us have said that Scripture doesn't reveal as much about the Spirit as it does the Father and Son. That *is* true and interesting considering that the Spirit is the author of Scripture, something about which we'll have much to say as we continue. Yet even saying less about Himself, He has revealed much. My own reticence has come from two primary places. First is the sheer amount of fanciful speculation and obvious error taught about the Holy Spirit. Second is that the Spirit isn't always as clear on the *how* of His actions as He is on the *fact* of them. I like things completely spelled out!

Part of the reason I'm excited for these articles is the opportunity they present to speak on a topic I've not spoken on enough. As with all things, we will strive to be led by Scripture in our understanding. I hope you are as excited as I am at this opportunity to learn more about God the Spirit. Adam Litmer

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