



THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 12, 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 Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 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 PERSONHOOD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We speak of God the Father and the Son in terms of personhood. Should we do the same with the Holy Spirit? Some say that we should not and speak of the Holy Spirit as God's "active force" or something similar. What does the Bible say?

Whenever the Bible uses the word "spirit" to speak of a substantive entity it always speaks of a "person." Indeed, the concept of "spirit" denotes personhood. This means that spiritual beings are always personal beings. The easiest way to see this as it relates to the Holy Spirit is to note the personal terms in which he is constantly described. In other words, he is said to feel what a "person" feels and to do what a "person" does.

Consider Acts 13:2. "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" The Holy Spirit thinks, plans, communicates, and calls. These are things a "person" does. Take a moment to read Acts 15:28 and 16:6 for similar statements.

Several passages speak of the Holy Spirit as experiencing the same type of emotions that personal beings feel. Consider Romans 15:30, Isaiah 63:10, and Ephesians 4:30 as examples. Sometimes we see the Spirit as the object of people's interaction. He can be lied to (Acts 5:3), tested (Acts 5:9) blasphemed (Matthew 12:31), and outraged (Hebrews 10:29).

Besides consistently speaking of the Holy Spirit as a "person," scripture shows him to be a *divine person*. He is equal in nature and essence with God the Father and Son. The best way to see this in scripture is to note what are often referred to as "Trinitarian texts." These are passages where all the members of the godhead are mentioned in the same context and shown to

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

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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

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have specific actions and areas of work. Perhaps the best known is Matthew 28:19. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Other examples are 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 4:4-6, etc.

The Bible says the Holy Spirit has divine characteristics. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14), knows what is in the mind of God (1 Corinthians 2:10-11) is omnipresent (Psalm 137:7-10), was involved in creation (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30), and is involved in providential activity. (Zechariah 4:6)

There is much more that could be said but this is enough to show that the Spirit is indeed a “Divine Person.” As we move forward we will begin to notice what the Bible says about the work of the Spirit. Adam Litmer

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