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The Holy Spirit Matters – Part III

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I. Holy Spirit Recap

- Third Person of the Trinity
- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Holy Spirit is Life Giving
- The Holy Spirit is Active, Misunderstood, Heavily Debated, and Most of all Personal
- The Holy Spirit is our direct experience of God

II. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

- Three distinct persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
- Not Hierarchical
- Not Mutually Exclusive
- “The Lord our God, the Lord is One”

Deut. 6:4

III. Two Church Councils Convened

- *Council of Nicaea (325)* – provided a statement of faith explaining the relationship between Jesus and the Father (*Homoousious*)
- *Council of Constantinople (381)* – provided a statement of faith explaining the relationship between the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (*Hypostasis*)
- *Perichoresis* – *peri* mean “around” (the origin for our word “perimeter”), and *choresis* means “dancing” (where our word “choreography” originated)
- Greek term used to describe the triune relationship between each person of the Godhead
- It can be defined as co-indwelling and mutual interpenetration.

IV. Jesus’ Final Words to His Disciples – John 14

- “I go” (death, resurrection and ascension) *John 14:1-3*
- “I am” (the way, the point of access to life with God, the gate) *John 14:6*
- Jesus, the tangible presence of God...the intimate encounter. (Father/Son)
- Jesus’ return to the Father to prepare a place...where I am, you may be also. *John 14:3*
- Greater works, empowerment *John 14:12-14*

- Another advocate (*paraclete*: comforter, counselor, helper)...the spirit of truth. *John 14:16,26*

V. The Relationship: Jesus, the Disciples, and the Holy Spirit – John 15

- Master Class between Jesus and disciples
- The focus is on relationship
- The Holy Spirit is not mentioned until concluding verses 26, 27
- Jesus offers a Real and Relevant Word to Disciples
- Final “I AM...” Statements

VI. The Work of the Holy Spirit – John 16

- The Holy Spirit is a Helper *John 16:7*
- The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Sin, Righteousness, and Judgement *John 16:8-11*
- The Holy Spirit of a Guide *John 16:13*
- The Holy Spirit is Essential to Conversion
- The Holy Spirit Empowers *John 14:12*
- The Holy Spirit Intercedes *Romans 8:26-27*