A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The sand is golden-brown and has several footprints scattered across it. In the background, the ocean is a deep blue, and a distant landmass is visible under a clear sky with a few wispy clouds. A black rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing yellow text.

**The Holy Spirit
IS DEITY.
Lesson 1 Slide 1**

**The Holy Spirit
IS GOD.**



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

The Hebrew RUACH and the Greek PNEUMA

N. T. Greek "**PNEUMA.**"

Used approximately **300 times.**

Literally "**spirit**" breath.

A word of wide meaning, used of:-

- a) **Holy Spirit.** Matt. 1:18; "**Ghost**"
(A.V.)
- b) **Spirit of man.** Matt. 5:3; Rom 1:9;.
- c) **Unclean spirits.** Matt 10:1.
- d) **An apparition.** Luke 24:37-39;.
- e) **Wind.** John 3:8;.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

Both **RUACH** and **PNEUMA** are neuter gender.

This led to the KJV reference
to "**the Spirit itself**" in Rom 8:16;

However, the KJV is not consistent in this.

**It uses masculine pronouns elsewhere,
as for example in John 16:7-8;.**

Masculine pronouns should be used with regard
to the **Holy Spirit throughout the NT.**

The **Holy Spirit** should **NEVER BE REFERRED
TO AS A THING**, but always as a **person.**

Personal pronouns are used
with reference to **Him, He, etc.**

The Holy Spirit Is A Person

Definition:- “Person.”

“A self conscious
rational being”

(Webster Encyclopedic
Unabridged dictionary
English Language,
1989 edition, pg 1075).



**Basic Idea:-
An Individual
With Conscious
Existence.**

Definition:- “Being.”

1) “Existence as opposed to non existence;
That which exists in any form,
whether actual or ideal.” (Webster)

2) “Conscious existence.” (Am. College Encycl. Dict.)

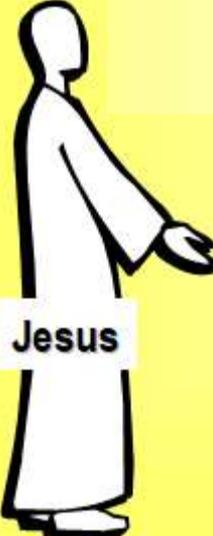
The Holy Spirit Is A Person



The Father



Holy Spirit



Jesus

John 15:26;
“But when the Helper
comes, whom I shall send
to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who
proceeds from the Father,
He will testify of Me.”

The Holy Spirit Is A Person



The Father



Holy Spirit



Jesus

John 16:7-15;

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **Him** to you. And when **He** has come, **He** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they do not believe in Me; Of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;”

The Holy Spirit Is A Person



The Father



Holy Spirit



Jesus

He/Him/
His

I, Mine

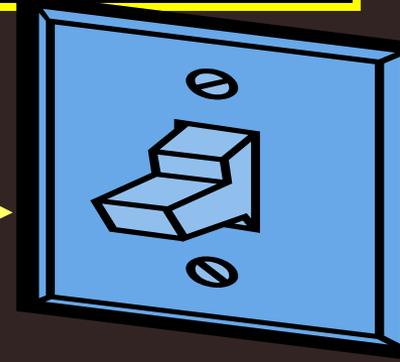
John 16:7-15

¹³“However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth; for **He** will not speak on **His** own authority, but whatever He hears **He** will speak; and **He** will tell you things to come. ¹⁴“**He** will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵“All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that **He** will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Is the Holy Spirit a person,
one that Possesses
"personality"?



Or is the Holy Spirit simply
an **"influence"**, or
"impersonal force"
that emanates from God?



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

The Spirit is not merely an influence or breath:-
The error is often due to the fact that we cannot
conceive of a person without a body.

Yet God is such a Person, Acts 17:28;.
“For in Him we live and move and exist.
As one of your own poets says,
‘We are His offspring’.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

The real person of man is not the body but that within the body. **1 Thess 5:23;**

“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.”

The Holy Spirit is not incarnate and therefore not visible to the world, **John 14:17;**

“He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and **doesn't recognize Him.** But you do, because **you know him now and later He will be in you.**”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

To refer to the **Holy Spirit as the Creative Agent**, (agency) of God does not deny his personhood, (any more than speaking of Jesus as the Word of God denies His personhood.)

But the **Holy Spirit** is certainly **not to be limited or defined as an Effect**. Compared with the wind:-

“Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.” **John 3:8;**

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

The wind itself is not the same
as the effects of the wind..

**The Holy Spirit is distinguished
from His own power.**

Rom 15:13, Luke 1:35 and 4:14, Acts 10:38, 1 Cor 2:4, etc

“So I pray that God, who gives you hope,
will keep you happy and full of peace as
you believe in Him. **May you overflow with hope
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**”

Rom 15:13;

Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

He has a **mind** and makes **Intercession**:-

Rom. 8:26-27;

26. “And the **Holy Spirit helps us in our distress**. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray.

But the **Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that cannot be expressed in words”**

27. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.”



Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

Has affections. - Rom. 15:30;

Now I beseech you.. for the love of the Spirit;.

“30. Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given you by the Holy Spirit.”

Can be insulted. - Heb. 10:29;

“Think how much more terrible the punishment will be for those who have **trampled on the Son of God and have **treated the blood of the covenant as if it were common and unholy**. Such people have **insulted and enraged the Holy Spirit** who brings God's mercy to His people.**

Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

He is a **“Person”** with **“Life, Thought, Volition, Action, Influence”** **He has personal attributes:-** mind, intelligence, reason. (Rom 8:27; 1 Cor 2:10;),

“And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will”.

Rom 8:27;

“But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by His Spirit, and His Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets.” 1Co 2:10;

Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

A **“Person”** with a **will I Cor 12:11;**
“He is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. **He alone decides** which gift each person should have.”

A **“Person”** with **emotions. Isaiah 63:10;**
“ But they rebelled against Him and **grieved His Holy Spirit.** That is why He became their enemy and fought against them.”

Eph 4:30; “And do not **bring sorrow to** God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He is the one who has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.”

Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

He Gives – 1 Cor 12:7-11; The manifestation of the Spirit was given to benefit all the Church.

7. “A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another He gives the gift of special knowledge. The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else He gives power to heal the sick.”

**He Gives New Birth. John 3:5-6;
“being born of water and the Spirit.”**

Overview of Personal Characteristics:- Bears witness. – 1 John 5:6-8;.

“It is the Spirit that bears witness...”

6. “And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross.

7. Not by water only, but by water and blood.

And **the Spirit also**
gives us the testimony that this is true.”



“8. So we have these
three witnesses:-
The Spirit, the water, and
the blood- and all three agree.”

Overview of Personal Characteristics:- Comforts. Acts 9:31;

“The believers were walking in the fear of the Lord and in **the comfort of the Holy Spirit.”**

He Directs. Acts 8:29;

The Holy Spirit said to Philip,

"Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

He Directs. Acts 10:19-20;

“Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, **the Holy Spirit said to him, Three men have come looking for you.**

****Go down and go with them** without hesitation. All is well, for I have sent them.”**

Overview of Personal Characteristics:- He Inspires. 2 Pet 1:20-21;

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves, or because they wanted to prophesy.

**It was the Holy Spirit
who moved the prophets to speak from God.**

He Inspires. 2 Tim 3:16-17;

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON



Overview of Personal Characteristics:-

He performs personal acts:- He speaks. 1 Tim 4:1;
“Now the Holy Spirit **tells us clearly** that in the last times some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons.”



Appoints. Acts 13:2;

“One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said,** “Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work I have for them.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

Guides. – John 16:13-15; “when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you.”

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not be presenting His own ideas; He will be telling you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

“He will bring me glory by revealing to you whatever He receives from me. All that the Father has is mine; this is what I mean when I say that the Spirit will reveal to you whatever He receives from me.”

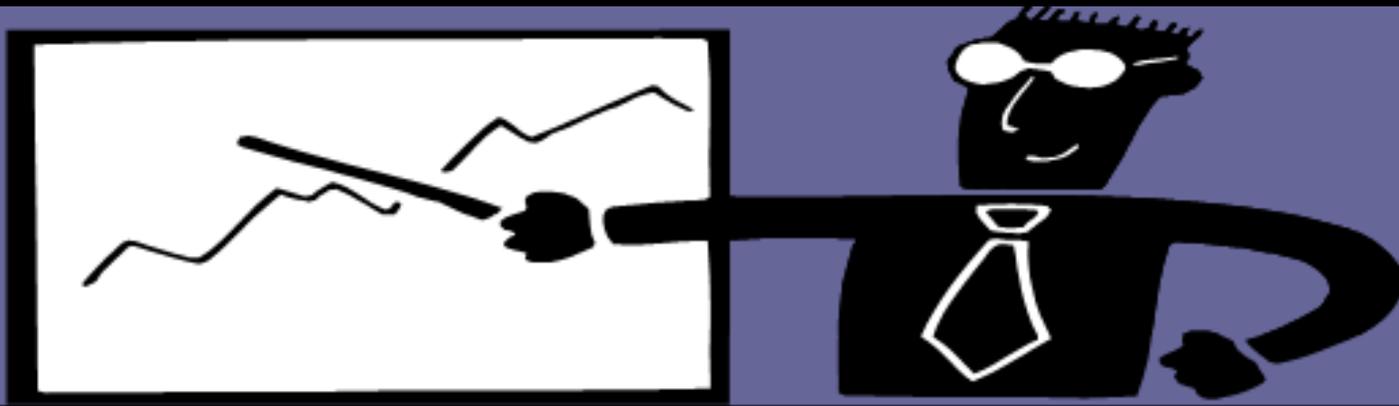
THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

He Teaches John 14:26; “But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me--and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit.

He will teach you all things, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you.”

1 Cor 2:13; “In telling you about these gifts we have even used the very words given to us by the Holy Spirit, not words that we as men might choose.

So we use the Holy Spirit's words to explain the Holy Spirit's facts.”



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON

He can be **Lied to. Acts 5:4;**

“But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit?**
You have not **lied** to men, but **to God.**”

He Can be **tested. – Acts 5:9-10;**

“And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of doing a thing like this-conspiring together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Just outside that door are the young men who buried your husband, and they will carry you out, too. Instantly, she fell to the floor and died.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

Can Be **Resisted**. Acts 7:51;

"You stubborn people!

You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth.

Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit?

But your ancestors did, and so do you!"

He can Be **Grieved**. Eph 4:30;

"And do not **bring sorrow to** God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He is the one who has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption."

Grieved.- Isa. 63:10;

"But **they rebelled, and grieved**
His Holy Spirit..."



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

He can **Forbid Acts 16:6;**

“Next they travelled through Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had **told them not to go** into the Turkish province of Asia Minor at that time.”

He can **Lead. - Matt 4:1;**

“Then was Jesus led of the Spirit into the wilderness”



Rom 8:14;

“For all who are **led by** the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

The Holy Spirit.

HEARS.

SPEAKS.

TELLS.

FORBIDS.



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

He Searches 1 Cor. 2:10;

“But we know about these things because God has sent His Spirit to tell us, and His Spirit searches out and shows us all of God's deepest secrets.”

He makes Judgments. Acts 15:28;

“For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

He intercedes Rom 8:26;

“We don't know how we should pray, but **the Spirit** helps our weakness. He **personally talks to God for us with feelings which language cannot express.**”

He **Raises the dead. Rom 8:11;**

“And, if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from death lives in you, then the One who **raised Christ from death will make your dead bodies live, using His Spirit Who is living in you.**”

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A PERSON.

He may be **blasphemed**. **Matt 12:24-32**;
“Every sin or blasphemy can be forgiven-
except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit,
which can never be forgiven.”



From what we have seen so far
we ought to be very sure that **our attitude
and response to the Holy Spirit needs
to be right and pleasing to the Godhead.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

**In Acts'. 5:3-4; The Holy Spirit and God
are used interchangeably.**

Thus He is called "Spirit of God!". 1 Cor 2:11;

**“No one can know what anyone else is
really thinking except that person alone,
and no one can know God's thoughts
except God's own Spirit.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

In John 14:17-18; The Holy Spirit and Jesus are used interchangeably. Thus He is called "Spirit of Jesus." (Acts 16:6-7).

**“And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;
And when they were come over against Mysia, they wanted to go into Bithynia; and
the Spirit of Jesus told them not to go;”
We will look at this subject in more detail later.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

At this point in our study,
we are simply trying to understand
who or what the Holy Spirit is?

We have seen that the Holy Spirit
is a personal being, and not
some impersonal force or power.

We noted that His personality is manifested by:-

His works.

His characteristics.

His slights and injuries which He can suffer.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

What else can we learn from the Scriptures concerning His nature?

We shall present evidence that illustrates His deity.

We shall try to reconcile the concept of the Holy Spirit as Deity with the Biblical teaching that there is only one God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS Eternal.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Rom 16:26; “Now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the **everlasting God**, for obedience to the faith.”

Heb 9:14; “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

The Holy Spirit has the essential attributes of deity.



THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS Almighty.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Jeremiah 32:17; “Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by **Your great power and outstretched arm.** There is nothing too hard for You.

Rom 15:13,19; “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. in mighty signs and wonders, **by the power of the Spirit of God,** so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

The Holy Spirit has the essential attributes of deity.

He is omnipotent. (all Powerful) Matt.12:28; Luke 1:35;
“The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the **power of the Most High** will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.”

Micah 3:8;

“But as for me, I am filled with **power and the Spirit** of the Lord. I am filled with justice and might, fearlessly pointing out Israel's sin and rebellion.”

Rom 15:19; “I have won them over by the miracles done through me as signs from God-all by the **power of God's Spirit**. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ all the way from Jerusalem clear over into Illyricum.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS Good.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Matt 19:17; “So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? **No one is good but One, that is, God.** But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Nehemiah 9:20;

“You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS Holy.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

**Psalm 99:9; “Exalt the Lord our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the Lord our God is holy.”**

Titus 3:5;

**“not by works of righteousness which we
have done, but according to His mercy He
saved us, through the washing of
regeneration and **renewing of the Holy Spirit.**”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS True.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Deut 32:4; “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, **A God of truth** and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”

John 14:17;

“**the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

IS Wise.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Jeremiah 32:19; “You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Isa 11:2;

**“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit
of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

***IS Present
Everywhere.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

1 Cor 2:10-11; “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. **For the Spirit searches all things**, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God..”

The Holy Spirit has the essential attributes of deity.

He is omnipresent. John 14:17;

1 Cor-3:16; Psalm 139:7-10;

“I can never escape from your spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there;

If I go down to the place of the dead, you are there.

**“If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Jeremiah 23 :23-24;

“Am I a God near at hand,” says the Lord,

“And not a God afar off? **Can anyone hide himself in secret places,** So I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord.”

1 Cor 3:16;

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

***He knows
all things.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Psalm 139:1-6;

“O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.”

**“For there is not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.
You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.”**

The Holy Spirit has the essential attributes of deity.

He is omniscient.

1 Cor. 2:10-11; Is. 40:13-14; John 14:26 16:12-13;

“But we know these things because

God has revealed them to us by His Spirit, and His Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets.

11. No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

“Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord? Who knows enough to be His teacher or counselor? Has the Lord ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good or what is best?” Is. 40:13-14;

Works of the Godhead.

Creation. (Gen.1:1-2;)

Incarnation. (Lk. 1:35;)

Identification. (Mt. 3:16-17;)

Redemption. (Tit. 3:4-6;)

Propitiation. (Heb. 9:14;)

Resurrection. (Rom. 8:11;)

Inspiration. (Jn. 15:26;)

Delegation. (Jn. 20:21-22;)

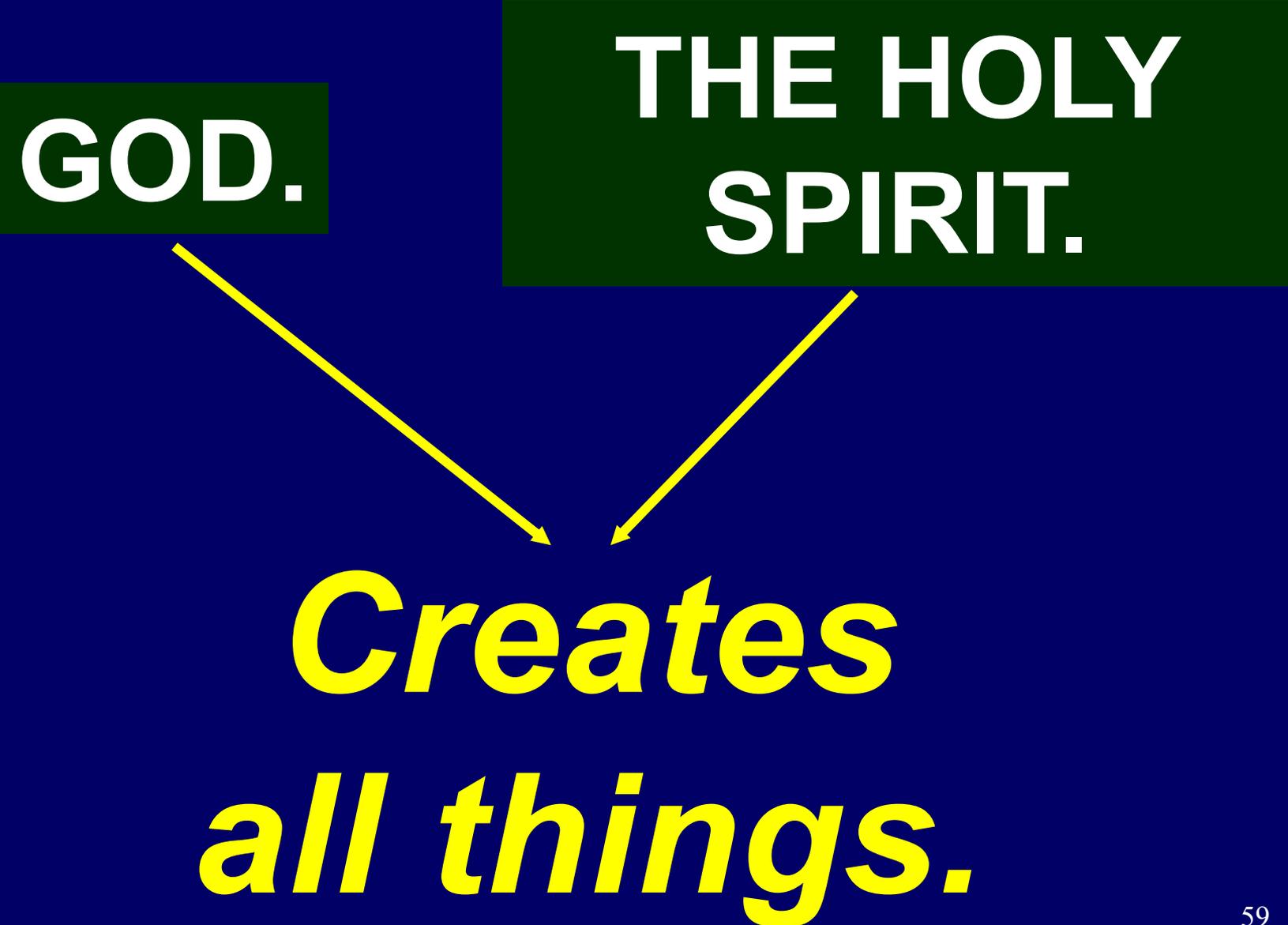
Sanctification. (Jude 20-21;)

Benediction. (2 Cor. 13:14;)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**



***Creates
all things.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Nehemiah 9:6;

“You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven. The heaven of heavens, with all their host. The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them. And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.”

Job 33:4;

“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Genesis 1:1;

“In the beginning **God** created
the heavens and the earth.”

This is the
same
God.

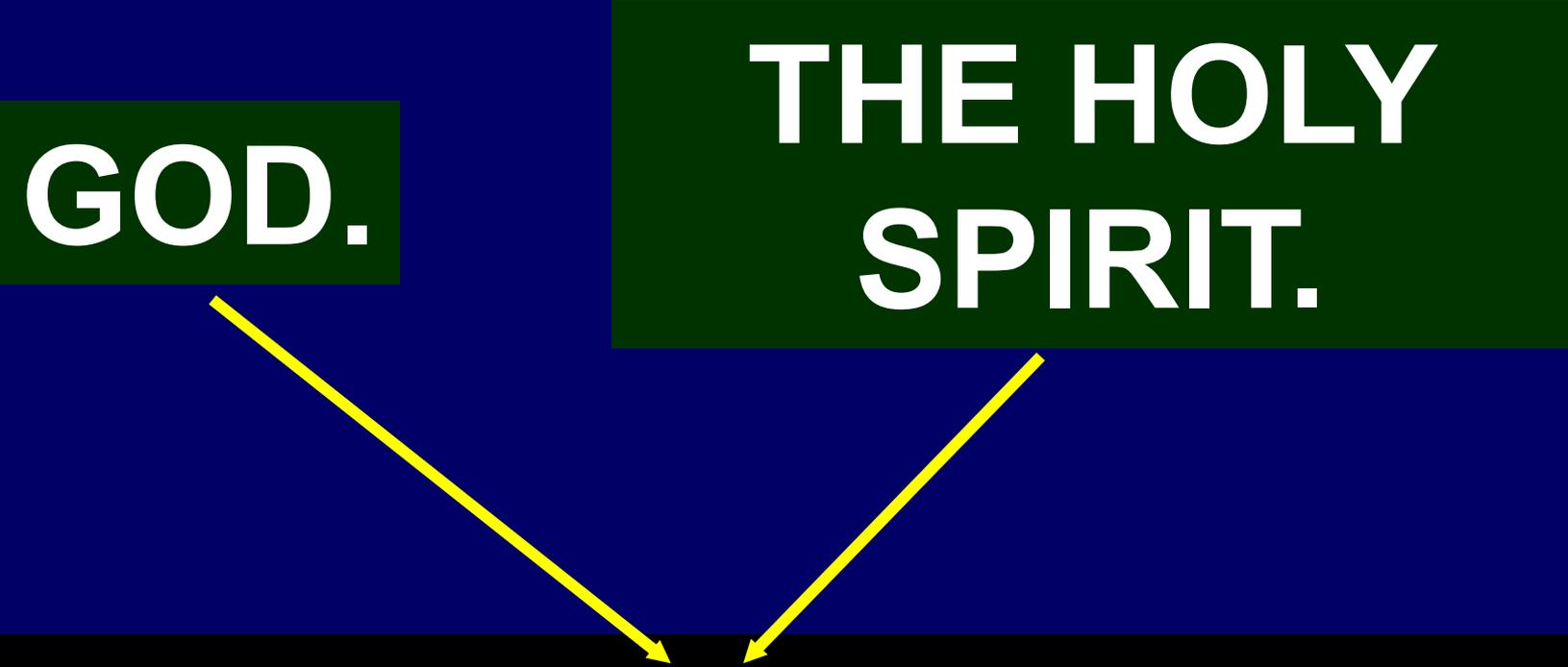
Genesis 1:2;

The earth was formless
and empty, darkness was over
the surface of the deep,
And the **Spirit of God**
was hovering over the waters.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**



***He searches the hearts
and the thoughts.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Jeremiah 17:10;

**“I, the Lord, search the heart,
I test the mind, Even to give every man
according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.”**

1 Cor 2:10;

**“But God has revealed them to us through
His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things,
yes, the deep things of God.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

***He made
miracles.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Deut 6 22;

“and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.”

Matt 12:28;

“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

*Is the fountain
of life.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Matt 19:17;

**“For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.”**

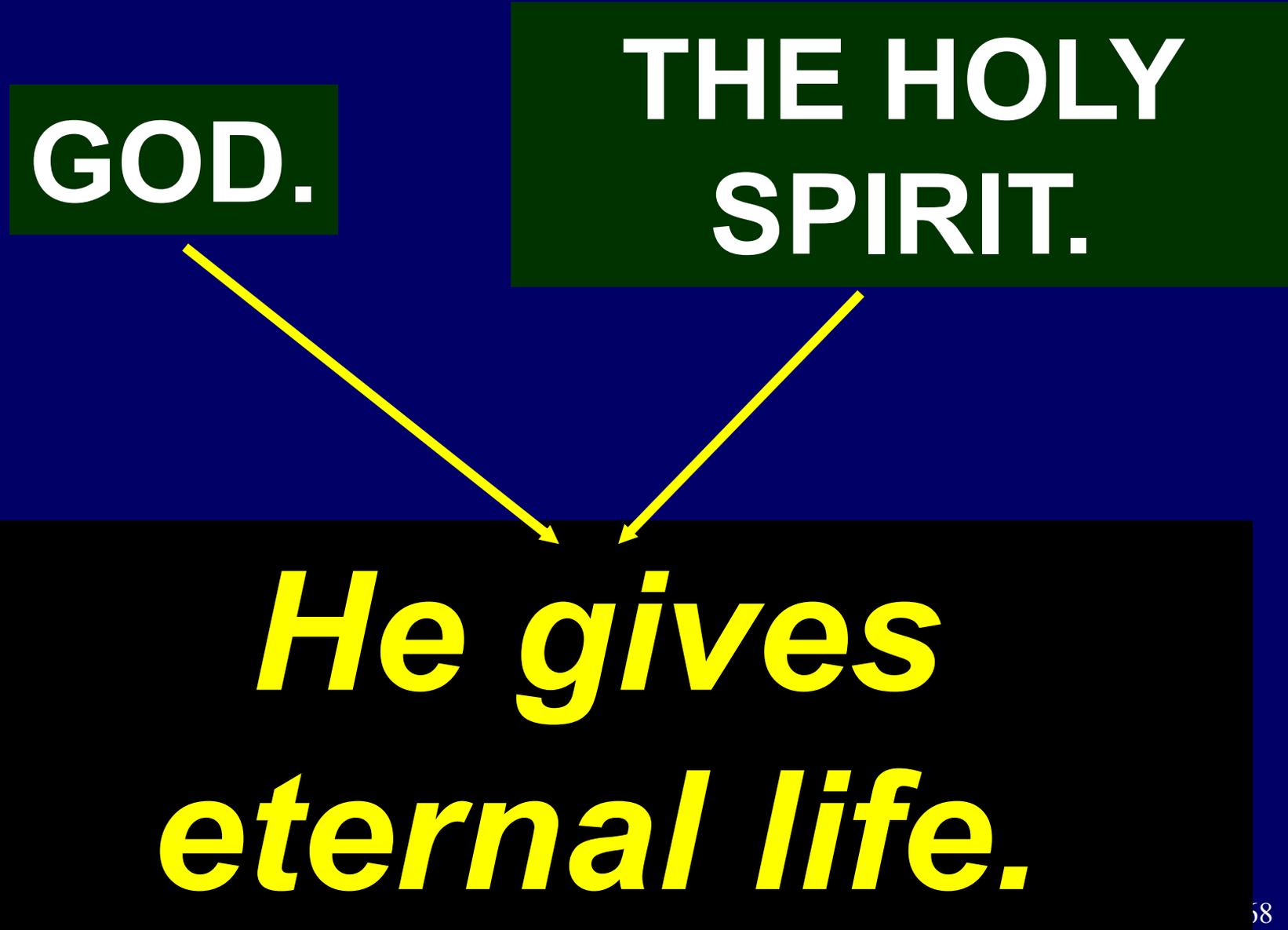
John 7:38-39;

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**



***He gives
eternal life.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Rom 6:23;

**“For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is **eternal life
in Christ Jesus** our Lord.”**

Gal 6:8;

**“For he who sows to his flesh
will of the flesh reap corruption,
but he who sows to the Spirit will **of
the Spirit reap everlasting life.**”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

***He is the comforter
to the church.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

2 Cor 1:3;

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort.”**

Acts 9:31;

“Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and **in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

GOD.

**THE HOLY
SPIRIT.**

***He dwells in
the faithful.***

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

2 Cor 6 16;

“And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: **“I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”**”

1 Cor 3:16;

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?”**”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

**When the Bible speaks
about the Holy Spirit.**

**It does not show any difference
between Him and God.**

**The Holy Spirit
is DEITY.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Isa 48:16;

“Come near to Me, hear this:-

**I have not spoken in secret
from the beginning;**

From the time that it was, I was there.

**And now the Lord God and
His Spirit Have sent Me.”**

Luke 11:20;

**“But if I drive out demons by
the finger of God, then**

the kingdom of God has come to you.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Matt 28:19;

**“Go therefore and make disciples
of all the nations, baptizing
them in the NAME
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.”**

**By the AUTHORITY OF!
Into RELATIONSHIP WITH!**

The Holy Spirit is not
Father is

God

is

Deity

Son is

The Son is not
The Holy Spirit is

The Father is not

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY

HIS "WORKS" REVEAL HIS DIVINE NATURE...

He was involved in the **"creation"** of the world.

Gen 1:2; Job 33:4;

“For the **Spirit of God** has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

He was involved in the **"working of miracles"**

Mt 12:28; Rom 15:19;

Mat 12:28; “But if I **drive out demons by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God has come to you.”

He was involved in the **"redemption"** of man - Heb 9:14;

“How much more will the **blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we may serve the living God!**”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY

He is involved in the "regeneration" of man - Jn 3:5; Tit 3:4-6;
4 "However, In grace our Saviour God appeared,
His love for mankind to make clear. 5 'Twas not for
deeds that we had done, But by his steadfast love
alone, He saved us through a second birth, Renewed
us by the Spirit's work, 6 And poured him out upon
us, too, Through Jesus Christ our Saviour true."

All this supports thinking of the Holy Spirit as deity.

Remember, Peter spoke of the Holy Spirit and God interchangeably in Acts 5:3-4,9; "Peter asked, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart so that you should **lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back some of the money you got for the land? 4 You did not **lie to men but to God!**"

This makes sense only if the Holy Spirit is indeed God!

The Holy Spirit is a personal, divine being.

In the NT the Holy Spirit is credited with statements which are credited to God in the OT. Compare Psalm 95:7-9; Heb. 3:7-9; Isaiah 6:8-10 and Acts 28:25ff

“7. for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care. Oh, that you would listen to his voice today! 8. The Lord says, "Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah, as they did at Massah in the wilderness. 9. For there your ancestors tried my patience; they courted my wrath though they had seen my many miracles.”

Heb. 3:7-9; “That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today you must listen to his voice. 8. Don't harden your hearts against him as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested God's patience in the wilderness. 9. There your ancestors tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years.”

Acts 28:25ff; “8. Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go for us?” And I said, “Lord, I’ll go! Send me.” 9. And he said, “Yes, go. But **tell my people this: 'You will hear my words, but you will not understand.** You will see what I do, but you will not perceive its meaning.’ 10. Harden the hearts of these people. Close their ears, and shut their eyes. That way, **they will not see with their eyes, hear with their ears,** understand with their hearts, and turn to me for healing.”

“25. But after they had argued back and forth among them, they left with this final word from Paul: “**The Holy Spirit was right when He said to our ancestors** through Isaiah the prophet, 26. **'Go and say to my people, You will hear my words, but you will not understand;** you will see what I do, but you will not perceive its meaning. 27. For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have **closed their eyes-so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear,** and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY

**Does that mean the Bible teaches
a polytheistic concept of God?**

Are there three Gods, or only one God?

**What relationship does
the Holy Spirit maintain
with the Father and with Jesus Christ?**

**These questions have challenged
the minds of men throughout the ages.
Here are some thoughts on the subject.**

FOUR DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF GOD

TRITHEISM...

This view holds that there are three gods.

That is, that The **"Father"** is a god.

The **"Son"** (Jesus) is a god.

The **"Holy Spirit"** is a god.

Three separate and distinct gods.

This is truly polytheism.

(A belief in more than one god.)

Mormons hold to a slight variation of this view, in that they do not limit it to just three gods, but believe there are many more gods.

FOUR DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF GOD
ARIANISM... Named after Arius, who lived in Alexandria in the fourth century A.D. and taught this view According to Arius...

God **the Father** existed from eternity
Jesus (**God the Son**)
was **created in time by the Father**
The **Holy Spirit** is a creation of the Son.
(Therefore, a creature of a creature.)

Members of The Watchtower Society (who call themselves "**Jehovah's Witnesses**") hold similar views, believing that:- **Jesus is a created being.**
The **Holy Spirit** is just an impersonal force sent by God to accomplish His purpose.

FOUR DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF GOD

SABELLIANISM...

Named after Sabellius, who lived in the 3rd Century.

This view holds that God is one person...

Who has manifested Himself in three different ways
or three different modes.

Not simultaneously, but successively; for example:-

At one moment God presents Himself as Creator.

(or Father.)

At another moment, as Redeemer. (or Son.)

Then again, as Revealer. (or Holy Spirit.)

This view is held by many modern theologians,
and by those who emphasize baptism in the name
of Jesus "only." (United Pentecostal Church.)

FOUR DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF GOD

TRINITARIANISM...

This is the doctrine of the trinity or Godhood. The word trinity comes from the Latin "trinitas"
From another Latin word, **trinus**, meaning "threefold" Meaning a triad, or "group of three", suggesting both unity and diversity.

This view holds that God is one God...

But that the one God exists eternally in three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) That in this one God there is both unity and diversity:-

The unity consists, not in the unity of purpose only, but in one common nature, in the sameness of "Godhood" The diversity is seen in that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinguishable.

**The doctrine of the trinity or Godhood
can be stated in three propositions**

First, God is one God

**Second, the Son is fully God and is distinct from
God the Father and God the Spirit.**

**There is nothing in concept of God (deity),
no quality, no attribute, which the Son does not possess
Yet He is not the same person as the Father or the Spirit.**

**Third, the Spirit is fully God, is distinct from the
Father and the Son, and is personal.**

**The Spirit is not a created being or energy from God,
He is deity. He is different in His "person" and
"mission" from the Father and the Son.**

This is the view held by most Catholics & Protestants today.

FOUR DIFFERENT CONCEPTS OF GOD

Which of these four views is correct?

Is the Holy Spirit...

- a god (Tritheism)?

- a creature or force emanating from God
(Arianism)?

- God in just another form, but not in any way
distinct from the Father or Son (Sabellianism)?

- God, but a distinct personality from the Father
and Son who together make up the One True God
(Trinitarianism)?

Not **Tritheism** for that is **polytheistic**, and the Bible
teaches "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord
is one!" (Deut 6:4) **Let's consider, then...**

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

All were present, but in different forms, at Jesus' baptism

Mt 3:16-17; "After His baptism, as **Jesus** came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the **Spirit of God descending** like a dove and settling on Him. 17.

And a **voice from heaven** said, "**This is my beloved Son,** and I am fully pleased with Him."

In His teaching about the Holy Spirit,
Jesus clearly makes a distinction...

"**I (Jesus)** will pray **the Father**, and He will give you **another** (note: not the same) **Helper (Holy Spirit)**, that He may abide with you forever." - Jn 14:16

"But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom **the Father** will send in **My (Jesus')** name..." - Jn 14:26;

"But when the Helper (**Holy Spirit**) comes, whom **I (Jesus)** shall send to you **from the Father**..." - Jn 15:26;

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Biblical proofs of the deity of the Holy Spirit.

He is said to be of the same nature as Christ. John 14:16; Jesus himself refers to the Holy Spirit when he says, "I will pray the Father and He will send you another comforter (ALLON PARACLETON). even the Spirit of truth."

(RSV and NIV have Counselor in this passage; NEB uses Advocate in both references; TEV has Helper).

In 1 John 2:1 we read,

"We have an advocate (PARACLETE) with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous."

The same Greek word (PARACLETE) is used in both references.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GODHOOD

PARACLETE means "one who stands with or by (is called alongside) another."

Advocate and Comforter and Counselor are nearly synonymous terms.

We are not to think of **Advocate or Counselor** just in the sense of "one who pleads another's case at the bar of justice, a counsel for the defence who argues one's case with God."

Rather, **the advocate or comforter is one who STANDS WITH US AND BY US to help us find and please God.**

The word **ALLON** in the phrase (**ALLON PARACLETON**) in John 14:16; is very significant. It means "**another of the same kind.**" In context that means that the Holy Spirit was to be another comforter/advocate of the same kind as Jesus himself. **The Greek word HETERON would be used to designate another of a different kind.**

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

A distinction is made in the command to make disciples
Mt 28:19; “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the
nations, baptizing them in the name of
the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

When Jesus sent His apostles out into the wide world to
make disciples among all the nations, He told them
to baptize all believers “INTO” (Greek, EIS) the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

This command seems to make the Holy Spirit
a named Participant in the conversion process.

“Into the name of...,” usually means:-

“by the authority of...” or “under the protection of.”
or “into relationship with” or “into Union with.”

INTO THE NAME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



INTO THE NAME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He has a position of authority (That's what "into the name" implies.) and He has **a personal relationship with the baptized believer** just as does the **Father** and the **Son**.



We may invoke Him by name in relation to becoming a born – again Christian (as if there were any other kind) in baptism and, living the Christian life.

Jesus describes baptism in water as the BIRTH of WATER and THE SPIRIT (John 3:3, 5) and says without it we CANNOT see the kingdom of God.

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

**John refers to "both the Father & the Son" – 2 Jn 9;
"For if you wander beyond the teaching of Christ,
you will not have fellowship with God. But if you
continue in the teaching of Christ, you will have
fellowship with BOTH the Father and the Son."**

**Note the use of the word "both", which implies two.
How can you have "both"
if they are exactly one and the same thing?**

**This evidence rules out "Sabellianism."
(or the "oneness" doctrine of the UPC.)**

Defining the Godhead - Greek terms:

“God” (THEOS) = the person of God (Matt 1:23; etc.)

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and He will be called Immanuel (meaning, God is with us).”

“Godhead” “Godhood” or “Divine” (THEIOS) = the quality of Deity (Ac. 17:29; NASV; 2 Pet 1:3-4;)

3. “As we know Jesus better, His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. Has called us to receive His own glory & goodness!”

“4. And by that same mighty power, He has given us all of His rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in His divine nature.”

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DEITY.

“Godhead” “Godhood) (THEOTES) =
The essence of deity. (Col 2:9;) “For in Christ
the fullness of God lives in a human body.”

“Divinity” (THEIOTES) = the attributes of deity
“From the time the world was created, people
have seen the earth and sky and all that God made.
They can clearly see His invisible qualities-
His eternal power and divine nature. So they have
no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.”

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him
as God or even give Him thanks. And they began
to think up foolish ideas of what God was like.
The RESULT was that their minds became dark
and confused.” Rom 1:20-21;

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DEITY.

"Godhood" would be the preferred spelling today.

"Godhead" and Godhood" were interchangeable terms when the KJV was produced.

The Greek **THEIOTEIS** Rom 1:20; **"They can clearly see His invisible qualities- His eternal power & DIVINE NATURE."**

It is used in Classical Greek to refer to

"the essential nature of deity."

It is rendered in modern translations as **"divinity"** (ASV, Phillips), **"deity"** {RSV, NIV), **'Divine Character'** (Goodspeed), and **"divine nature"** {Weymouth, TEV).

2. The suffix **"hood" or "head"** is an inclusive term which sums up **"all of the essential attributes of that which is being described.** For example:- **manhood, motherhood, childhood, brotherhood, and Godhood.**

The Father is clearly God (deity) - 1Co 1:3;
May **God our Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ
give you His grace and peace.

The Son is also God. (deity.) - cf. Jn 1:1-3, 14; Mt 1:21-23;
Rom 9:5; Phil 2:5-6; 1Tim 6:14-16; Heb 1:8-12; Col 2:8-9;
8. "See to it that no one enslaves you through philosophy
and empty deceit according to human tradition, according
to the basic principles of the world, and not according to
Christ. 9. **For IN HIM the whole**
FULLNESS of God lives in bodily form.

The Holy Spirit also possesses deity Acts 5:3-4;
"3. Peter asked, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart so
that you should **lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back some of
the money you got for the land?...**You did not lie to men but**
to God!" This evidence makes "**Arianism**" untenable (or
the view propagated by The Watchtower Society.- "JWs")

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**THE GODHOOD or TRINITARIAN VIEW of DEITY
IS SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE...**

It is suggested by a Hebrew name for God (**Elohim**)
used throughout the O. T. - Gen 1:1;

The word "**elohim**" is plural in form, not singular.
The plurality of "**personality**" in **one God** is implied
in the plural pronouns "**us**" and "**our**" in Gen 1:26;

Even the **covenant name of God**
(**YHWH, Jehovah or Yahweh**),
is used at times to show
a **plurality of "personalities"** in the one God.

Bear in mind that this name **YHWH, Yahweh,** can only be applied to the **one true God** – Isa 42:8; “**I am the Lord; (YHWH) that is my name!** I will not give my glory to anyone else. I will not share my praise with carved idols.”

Isa 45:5-6; “I am the Lord; **(YHWH)** there is **no other God.** I have prepared you, even though you do not know me, 6. so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

Yet notice that this name is used in prophecy to refer to Jesus.:- Isa 40:3; “Listen! I hear the voice of someone shouting, “**Make a highway for the Lord (YHWH)** through the wilderness. Make a straight, smooth road through the desert **for our God.**”

Mt 3:1-3; “Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness: ‘Prepare a pathway for the **Lord's (YHWH)** coming! Make a straight road for **Him!**”

THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

In at least two passages, when YHWH speaks, He says YHWH sent Him! Notice carefully, Isa 48:12-16; & Zech 2:8-9;

12."Listen to me, O family of Jacob, Israel my chosen one! **I alone am God, the First and the Last.** 13. It was my hand that laid the foundations of the earth. The palm of my right hand spread out the heavens above. **I spoke,**
13.and they came into being."

"14. Have any of your idols ever told you this? Come, all of you, and listen: '**The Lord has chosen Cyrus** as His ally. He will use him to put an end to the empire of Babylon, destroying the Babylonian armies.'

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15. **“I have said it: I am calling Cyrus!** I will send him on this errand and will help him succeed.

16. Come closer and listen. I have always told you plainly what would happen so you would have no trouble understanding.”

“And now the Sovereign Lord and His Spirit have sent me with this message: 17. “The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good and leads you along the paths you should follow.”

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8. "After a period of glory, the Lord Almighty sent ME against the nations who oppressed you.

For He said, 'Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession.

9. I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them.'

Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me."

This indicates a plurality of personalities. (i.e., Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)!

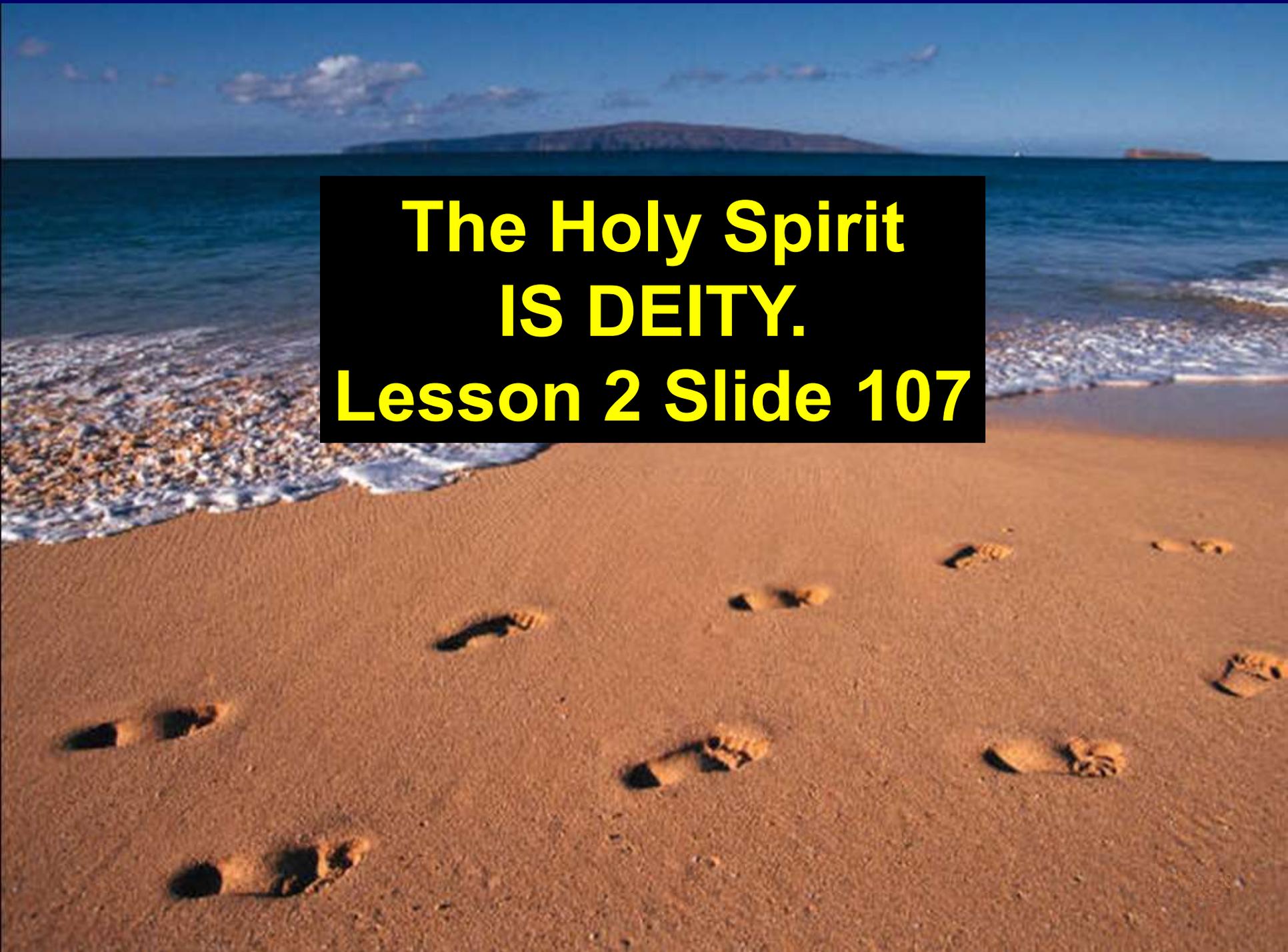
THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

The only way we can know to be true to all of the Biblical evidence for the nature of God is to draw the conclusion suggested by the words in Deut 6:4; **There is one God - "The LORD (YHWH, or Yahweh)..."**

But within this "Godhood" are three distinct personalities. "...our God (Elohim, suggesting plurality of some sort)"

These three distinct personalities are one in substance, essence, purpose:-

"the LORD (YHWH) is one (in the sense of being united) Yes, "Yahweh, our Elohim, is united Yahweh!"

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**The Holy Spirit
IS DEITY.
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THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE DISTINGUISHABLE.

**The three persons of the Godhood/ Tri-Unity
are inseparable / yet distinguishable.**

**God the Father
and God the Son
and God the Holy Spirit
are identified with each other.**

Elohiym

**“GOD” - ELOHIM is Plural!
(ELOAH is the singular)**

“ELOHIM said, let **US**
make man in **OUR** image,
after **OUR** likeness.”
(Gen. 1:26).



“God” in Hebrew is always
plural. **“ELOHIM”**
it occurs over 2,500 times
in the OT.



Plural: “consisting of or containing more than one”

The Jews, the nation that God chose from the beginning were taught by God that there will be **NO others gods among you, they were very zealous about that. **Exodus 20:3;****

Exodus 20:3

**You shall have
no other gods
before Me.**

ne Can Be A United Plurality

“they shall be
ONE **EHAD** flesh”
Gen. 2:24;



“we will become
ONE **EHAD**
people” Gen. 34:16;



“The Lord our God
is ONE **EHAD**
Lord” Deut. 6:4;



**The
Father**

“And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me”
(John 8:16).

**The
Son**

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“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,”
(John 14:26).

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“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit
(Acts 10:38)

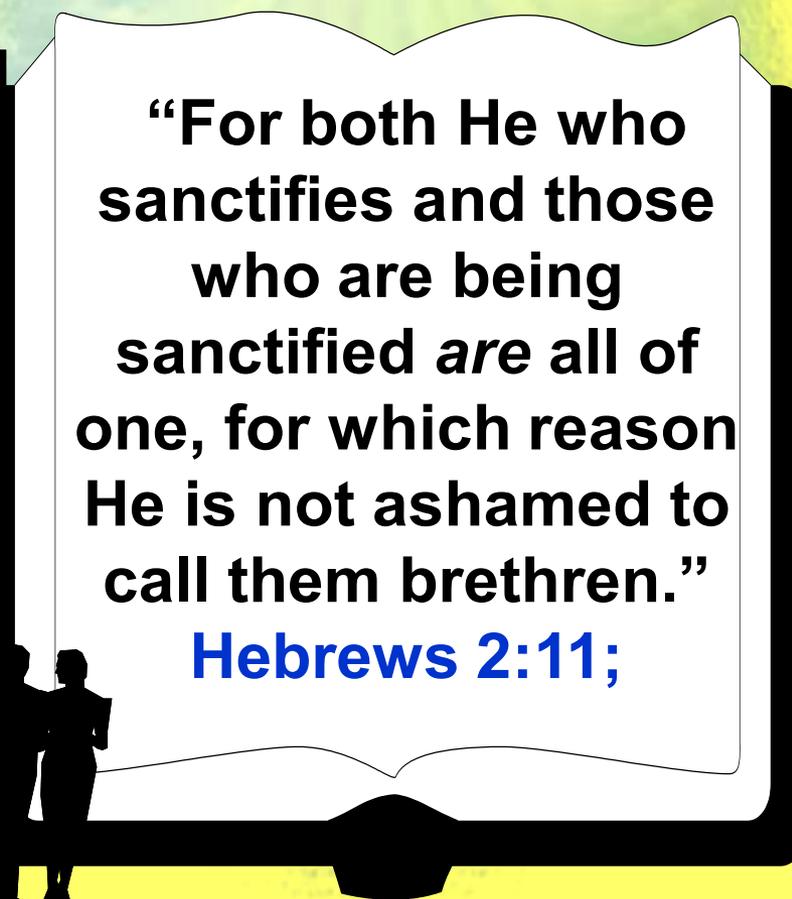
**The
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One Can Be A United Plurality

**One Humanity – NOT One Human person.
One God – Not one Divine Person.**



**Individual person.
Fully human.
Not the only
person in humanity!**



“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”

Hebrews 2:11;

Numerical Or United Plurality Using terms in the same way!

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Numerical

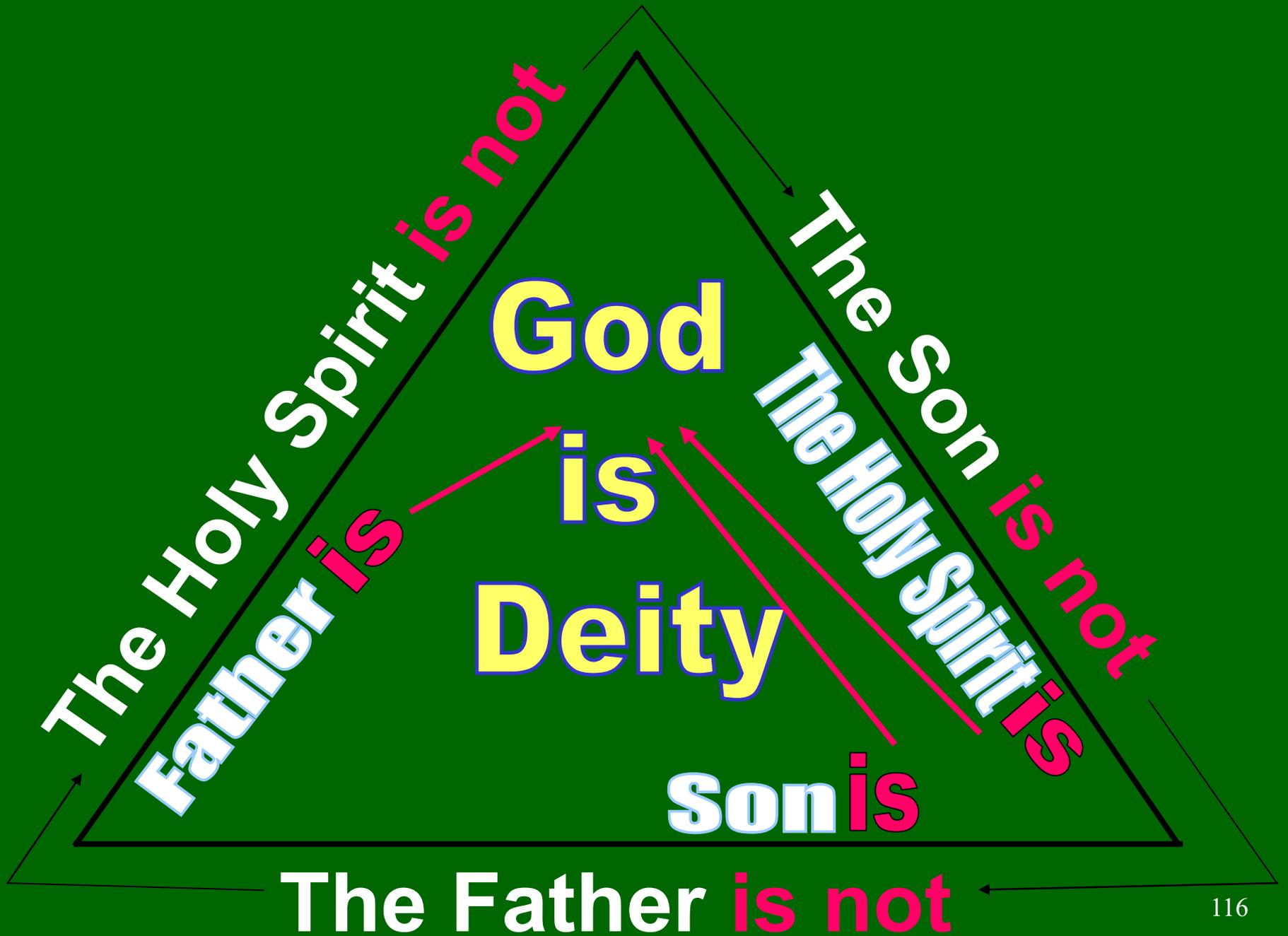
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{John} \\ \text{Denise} \\ + \text{Michael} \\ \hline = 3 \text{ persons} \end{array}$$

Numerical

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ Father} \\ 1 \text{ Son} \\ + 1 \text{ Holy Spirit} \\ \hline = 3 \text{ Persons} \end{array}$$

**Distinct Individuals
Yet Fully Human
in nature –
Not three humanities –**

**Distinct Individuals
Yet Fully God
in nature –
Not three God's-**



Rom 8:11-12;

11. “And if the **Spirit of God**, who raised up Jesus from the dead, **lives in you**, He will make your dying bodies live again after you die, by means of this same **Holy Spirit living within you.**

12. So, dear brothers, you have no obligations whatever to your old sinful nature to do what it begs you to do.”

1 Cor 2:10-13; “But we know about these things because God has sent his Spirit to tell us, and His Spirit searches out and shows us all of God's deepest secrets.

11. No one can really know what anyone else is thinking, or what he is really like, except that person himself. And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

12. And God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit) to tell us about the wonderful free gifts of grace and blessing that God has given us. In telling you about these gifts we have even used the very words given to us by the Holy Spirit, not words that we as men might choose. So we use the Holy Spirit's words to explain the Holy Spirit's facts.”

Eph 4:3-6;

- 3. Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit, and so be at peace with one another.**
- 4. We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future.**
- 5. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**
- 6. and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us.**

John 5:16-18

What reason?

For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also **said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**

Every Israelite was **MONOTHEIST**

Mono = ONE

Theos = God

The believe in **ONE GOD!**

There Is But One God!

**God, Yahveh,
Was Alone!!**

Mal. 2:10

Is. 44:6

Is. 44:24

Job 9:8

Gen. 1:26

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**The Father
was NOT alone:-
Genesis 1:1,26;
John 1:1;**

**The Son, (Jesus)
was NOT alone:-
John 1:1; 8:16; 16:32;**

**The Holy Spirit
was NOT alone:-
Psalms 104:30;
John 15:26;**

Acts 5:3,4

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? “While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not **lied to men but to God.**”

Acts 7:51

“*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears!

You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so do you.

**Is the Holy Spirit
YAWVEH God?**

Isaiah 6:8-10;

And your sin purged.” Also **I heard the voice of the Lord**, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us? Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.” And He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

“Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.”

Acts 8:25-27;

So when they did not agree among themselves,
they departed after Paul had said one word: -

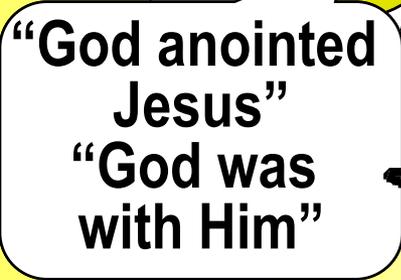
“**The Holy Spirit spoke** rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, “saying, ‘Go say to this people

“Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.”

Three Persons of The Godhead Are Distinct.



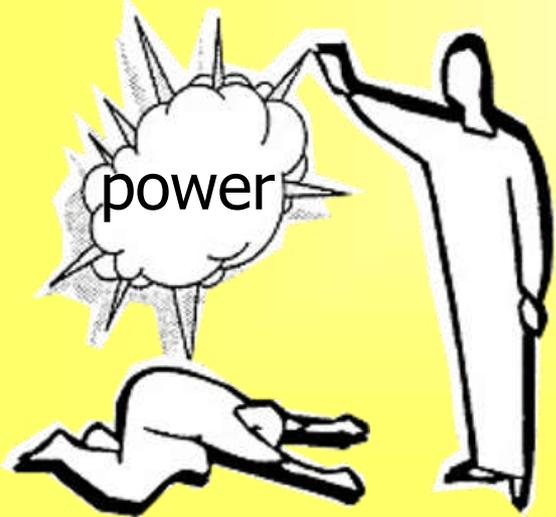
**The
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**“God anointed
Jesus”
“God was
with Him”**



**Holy
Spirit**



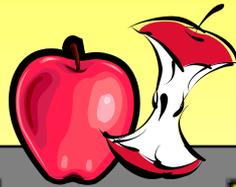
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1 John 5:7-8 (NKJV)
**For there are three that bear
witness in heaven: the Father,
the Word, and the Holy Spirit;
and these three are one.**
**And there are three that bear
witness on earth: the Spirit,
the water, and the blood; and
these three agree as one.**

Numerical Or United Plurality

1 Father
1 Son
+ 1 Holy Spirit
= 3 Persons



Numerical
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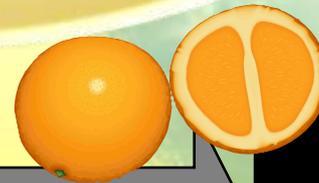
John
Denise
+ Michael
= 3 persons

Not Equivalent!
Just using the term in
two different ways

Only one
God (*Divine*
Nature)

United Plurality
EQUIVALENT

Only 1
Humanity
(*Human Nature*)



Numerical Or United Plurality

United Plurality

Father

Son

+ Holy Spirit

= 1 God

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United Plurality

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= 1 Human
Nature

“God” = Godhead,
divine nature,
deity

“Humanity” =
Human Nature,
Mankind,

Father.

Son.

Holy Spirit.

*Our
true
GOD!*

FATHER

SON

**THE
GOD-
HEAD**

**HOLY
SPIRIT**



THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DEITY.

Source of all wisdom. Isa 11:2; therefore
Called "Spirit of Truth." John 14:17; 15:26;
Inspires the scriptures. 2 Sam 23:2-3; 2 Pet.1:21;

Giver of Salvation, 1 Cor 6:11;

Gives divine gifts, 1 Cor 12:11;

Seals the believer, Eph 1:13;

Indwells, the believer John 14:17; 1 Cor 3:16;

Has authority. Acts 16:6-7; 20:28;.

Is the source of unity. Eph. 4:3-4, & 22;

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IN SUMMARY.

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons/personalities that make up the Godhead / Deity.

He is equal and one with God having all the divine attributes.

Yet he is a distinctive person / personality from the Father and the Son.

Practical Lessons from the Godhead.

All three created us because they wanted to.

(Gen 1:1-2; Jn. 1:1-3;),

So we should feel honoured. (Psa 8:4-5;)

All three sustain us,

so we should be thankful.

(Acts 17:25; Col 1:17; Psa 104:30;)

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so we should be obedient (Titus 3:3-4; Mt 28:19;)

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GODHOOD. CONCLUSION.

**Admittedly, trying to comprehend
the nature of God is difficult...**

**It is like trying to comprehend
the infinite reaches of the universe,
with our finite minds, both are impossible.**

For those who accept the Bible as inspired of God, we must...

Let the Bible reveal the nature of God.

Accept what it reveals by faith.

Even when we cannot always understand it.

**Avoid developing a concept of God. (and the Holy
Spirit.) Through humanistic and rationalistic
thinking. Twisting the Scriptures to fit our ideas.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GODHOOD.

I understand the Bible to reveal the Holy Spirit as...

A distinct personality, possessing all the attributes of deity. Yet one in essence, substance, and purpose with the Father and the Son.

A member of what is called the "Godhead"; truly a "mind-boggling" concept!

There is something else that should boggle our minds as well:-

The love God has for sinners!

John 3:16-17; Rom 5:6-11...

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