

**PROMISE & PERSON OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT**

JOHN 14:16-18

INTRODUCTION

This is the first of a three part series on the Holy Spirit. Seeing that the Holy Spirit is so prevalent in Acts. It's important to lay the foundation on that subject before we go any further. Having a healthy balance in understanding the H.S. helps us to keep a level head.

UPPER ROOM

This was a close, intimate, and personal time with the disciples. See **John 16:7-15**, Jesus spent this time preparing his disciples for the time when he would be leaving them. But He would not leave them helpless. The H.S. is described in these verses as "helper" and "comforter". In old English this means "strengtheners", Jesus knew they would need the H.S. to strengthen them for the times ahead. They are anxious, these verses helped calm them. The peace Jesus gives isn't the absence of trouble, despite it, knowing his promises. When we set out to know God, we also get to know the H.S. at the same time.

PERSON AND GODHEAD

Yes the scriptures use symbolism to reference the H.S. as a dove, oil, wind, water, fire etc. but the Bible is clear the H.S. is a person, a male, and referred to as "He". Many people try to use an egg as an illustration of the trinity, this does not work. All three of the trinity are equal, this is a unity of three distinct persons, distinct but identical in essence. But remember each person is divine, but there is only one God. Read **John 1:1, John 8:58**. The very next moment they took up stones to throw at Him! They were insulted by the thought that Jesus was around before Abraham,.

Now the Holy Spirit Executes the will of the Father (like the Son), glorifies the Son. Not inferiority, but the way God works. He was involved in creation in Genesis 1 where it all began.

CONSIDER

"Trinity" is NOT in the Bible. Bible isn't in the Bible. Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent isn't either.

See **1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, Ephesians 4:4-16**.

Let's think on these scriptures and think on all the individual divine attributes of each of these persons and how they are of equal power, presence, and knowledge as Jesus. The Holy Spirit is called "another" helper in John 14:16, by Jesus. Let's call out to him as our help in these times of need.

PRAY...

*That more people would desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

*For the Holy Spirit to do a work in our lives and the lives of our families through the book of Acts.

*Pray for our government leaders, and the state of our country.