

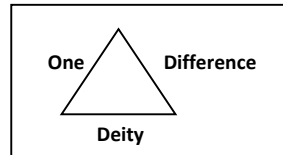
4. GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

While waiting to begin please look at Romans 8:9-10 and ask this question: Who lives “in” the Christian?

“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

REMINDER

- there is 1 God... in 3 persons... each person is fully God
- the priority of the Father and the obedience of the Son... because of love... and for mutual glory



Nicene Creed of 381 AD

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, **the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.** Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. WHO IS THE SPIRIT? HE IS THE “CHRIST-CENTRED SPIRIT”

(a) Remember: He is God

- he is eternal (Heb 9:14), omnipresent (Ps 139:7-10), omniscient (1 Cor 2:10-11).
- To lie to the Spirit is to lie to God (see Acts 5:1-4).
- He's identified as the Yahweh of the OT (eg. the “Lord” who speaks in Psalm 95 is identified in Hebrews 3 as the Spirit).

(b) He proceeds from the Father and the Son

- o Romans 8:9-10

(c) He is not independent of the Father and the Son

- o John 16:13, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

(d) He is always with God the Son

- o In creation, Genesis 1:1-2 and John 1:3
- o In his earthly ministry (as the incarnate Son of God)
 - conception and birth of Jesus, Luke 1:31,35.
 - at Jesus' baptism, Luke 3:21-22, Mark 1:10, Acts 10:38.
 - Jesus baptizes with the Spirit, John 1:33.
 - crucified through the eternal Spirit, Hebrews 9:14.
 - raised and vindicated by the Spirit, Romans 1:4, 1 Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 3:18.
 - Christ's resurrection body is a spiritual body, 1 Corinthians 15:44.

(e) **He is the “Jesus-shaped Spirit”**

1 Corinthians 15:45 “Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is the Spirit...”

Revelation 3:1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.’”

Revelation 5:6 “And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

2. WHAT DOES HE DO? THE SPIRIT’S TASK IS TO BRING JESUS TO US

John 14:15-18 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I **will come to you.**”

(a) **He is another “counsellor” (John 14:15)**

- *Paraklete* = helper / legal counsellor / strengthener
- Cf. 1 John 2:1, “we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous”

(b) **He is “another Jesus” (John 14:18, Romans 8:9)**

(c) **In order to glorify Christ (John 16:14)**

- John 16:14, “He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

3. POSTSCRIPT: SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE SPEAK ABOUT JESUS WITH OTHERS!

(a) Christians speak to Christians... about Jesus

Compare Ephesians 5:18-19 and Colossians 3:16. Consider: who (and what) dwells in us as we minister to each other?

Ephesians 5:18-20, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

(b) Christians speak to non-believers... about Jesus

= The story of the Acts of the Apostles: Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:8, 6:7, 8:4, 28:30

(c) "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10)