

On the Action and Power of the Holy Spirit

(聖靈的作為與能力)

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Introduction

- Genesis 1:1-3 ¹ In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters. ³ And **God said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
- Genesis 1:31 ³¹ God saw **all that he had made**, and **it was very good**.

What God says, it will be done.

- Psalm 33:9 NIV
- For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- NKJV
- For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.

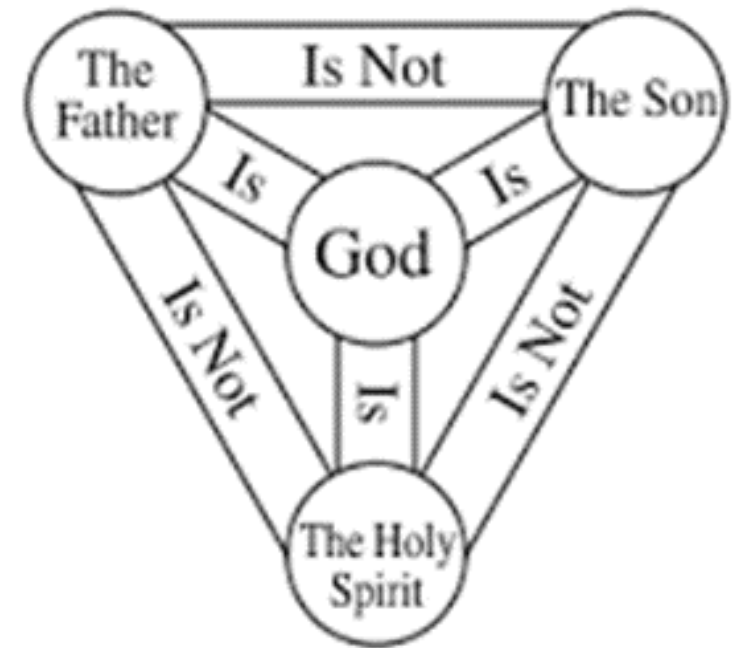
Group discussion

- **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

One of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit

(Google: What is the Holy Spirit?)

The Holy Spirit is **the third Person of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and is Almighty God.** As such **he is personal** and **also fully God, *co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and Son of God.***



- Genesis 2:7 ⁷ Then the LORD God **formed a man from the dust of the ground** and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and *the man became a living being*.

Searching the Bible

- **Number of Occurrences:**
- **1. Holy Spirit:** 5 in the Old Testament; 194 in the New Testament
- **2. The Spirit of God:** 13 in the Old Testament; 17 in the New Testament

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- John 14:16-17 ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another *advocate* to help you and be with you forever—** ¹⁷ **the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But**
- (1) you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
- **What Jesus Christ says, it will be done.**
- Promise: say certainly

- Romans 8:26-27 ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but
- (2) **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

- 1 Corinthians 2:4-7 ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with
- **(3) a demonstration of the Spirit's power**, ⁵ so that **your faith** might **not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.**

- **God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit**
- ⁶ We do, however, speak a **message of wisdom** among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No,
- **(4) we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.**

- 1 Corinthians 2:10 ¹⁰
- **(5) these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.
The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.**

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-9⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is **given through the Spirit**
- (5a) a message of **wisdom**, to another
- (5b) a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another
- (5c) **faith** by the same Spirit, to another
- (5d) gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit,

In Summary: The Actions of Holy Spirit

- **Advocate:** to publicly support or suggest an idea, development, or way of doing something \Rightarrow (1) **Advocator**
- **console** (kən'soʊl): to make someone who is sad or disappointed feel better by giving them comfort or sympathy \Rightarrow (2) **Comforter**
- **Succor:** To help someone, especially someone who is suffering or in need \Rightarrow (3) **Helper**
- **To provide direction** \Rightarrow (4) **Counselor**

II. Repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- Acts 2:37-39 ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
- ³⁸ Peter replied, “
- **(1) Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.** And you will
- **(2) receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** ³⁹ The **promise** is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

III. Give life to set us free from the law of sin and death (by the law of Spirit).

- Romans 7:18-19 ¹⁸ For I know that **good itself does not dwell in me**, that is, in my sinful nature. For **I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out**. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this **I keep on doing**.
- :24-25 ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who **delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

- Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴ Make every effort **to live in peace with everyone** and **to be holy**; **without holiness no one will see the Lord.**
- Romans 3:23b ²³ **For all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God. (No. of occurrences of “glory” in the Bible: 387)
- **Holy**: related to God and pure (not mixed with anything else; **perfect**)

- Romans 8 ¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because **through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.**

- ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but **the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.**
- ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, **the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.** And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.**

- John 1:12 ¹² Yet **to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born of God**.
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The Process of Repent to Become Children of God

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IV. Inherit the Fruit of the Spirit

- Galatians 5:16 ¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 6:8 ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- Ephesians 1:17-19 ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know
- (1) the hope to which he has called you, ⇒ **from Death to Life**
- (2) the riches of (2a) his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and (2b) his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ⇒ **Sanctification (Becoming holy; 成聖)**

- 2 Corinthians 13:14 ¹⁴ May
- **(3) the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**
- **⇒ Relationship (the Holy Spirit is *with you* and *in you*)**
- Romans 14:17 ¹⁷
- **(4) For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but **of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**, ⇒ **Eternal life****

V. Be alert and of sober mind since the end of all things is near.

- Luke 21:10-11 ¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

What Should We Do Facing the End Time?

- 1 Peter 4:7-11 ⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore **be alert and of sober** (serious and calm) mind so that you may
- **(1) pray**. ⁸ Above all,
- **(2) love each other deeply**, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
- ⁹ **(3) Offer hospitality** to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should
- **(4) use** whatever gift you have received to **serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- ¹¹ (5) If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who **speaks the very words of God**.
- (6) If anyone **serves**, they should do so **with the strength God provides**, so that **in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever**. Amen.

The Action and Power of the Holy Spirit Are Summarized as Follows:

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Concluding Remarks

- **God gave an advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth**
- **The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast.**

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Pastor Thomas Rees described the three keys to be coworker with the Holy Spirit:

- (1) Let the Christ have the sovereign rights (highest power) over your life,
 - (2) Love one another among brothers and sisters, and
 - (3) Live out a life according to the Biblical morality
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- (source: Places Where the Holy Spirit Can Work Freely, Sermon Given by Pastor Ross Paterson, June 26, 2022 (巴栢聲牧師 (台北靈糧堂 (Bread of Life Christian Church in Taipei)牧師) : 聖靈自由工作之處20220626, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ-BIBSYJTk>)



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