

The Southeast Sower

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study:

10:00 am

Worship:

10:50 am

6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:

7:30 pm

The Personality and Divinity of the Holy Spirit

Vernon Teagarden

Without question, there is much division and confusion in the religious world regarding the Holy Spirit. Concerning His personality and divinity there seems to be two prominent views held. The Holy Spirit is a divine influence proceeding from the Father, mere impersonal force, and the Holy Spirit is a person, active in all the ways of a personality and He is Deity. Which of these two views is supported by the scripture? I believe it is the latter.

His works proclaim His personality. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit speaks (1 Timothy 4:11). That He testifies (John 15:26). He teaches and quickens the mind (John 14:26). He guides, leads, forbids and searches (John 16:13; Acts 16:6, 7; 1 Corinthians 2:10). Further-

more, He has the characteristics of a person. He has a mind (Romans 8:27). He possesses knowledge (1 Corinthians 2:11). He is capable of affection and possesses goodness (Romans 15:30; Nehemiah 9:20).

The scriptures also teach that the Holy Spirit suffers slights and injuries that can only be ascribed to a person. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10). He can be despised and blasphemed (Hebrews 10:29; Matthew 12:31, 32). He can be resisted and lied to (Acts 7:51; 5:3).

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit possesses the attributes of Deity and His works demonstrate His divinity. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14). He is omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10, 11). He is omnipotent (Micah 3:8;

Romans 8:11). He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:10; Jeremiah 23:24). These attributes are seen in creation (Genesis 1:2; Job 6:13), the work of providence (Psalm 104:39), and in the work of regeneration and the resurrection (John 3:5; Romans 8:11). Lastly, the Holy Spirit is the source of the miraculous (1 Corinthians 12:9, 11).

Can there be any doubt that the scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Personality? I think not!



LET US BE PEOPLE
OF THE BOOK, GOD'S
WORD:
STUDY IT!
BELIEVE IT!
LIVE BY IT!

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Ed Holcomb

The confusion surrounding the kingdom and the reign of Christ is deplorable and inexcusable. Teaching in the scriptures is clear on this. Paul in 1 Cor. 15:20-28 shows plainly that Christ is reigning now over His kingdom and will continue until the end, when He will surrender it up to God. Peter preached that God raised up Jesus to sit on the throne until the restoration is accomplished (Acts 2:29-34; 3:21). So He was to sit on God's throne until the end. In perfect harmony the author of Hebrews said He ascended and sat on the throne at God's right hand until all enemies were made a footstool for his feet, or until the end (Heb. 1:3-13). When Paul said Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet and is reigning now, will continue to reign until time, death, and hades is eliminated, and that when he comes instead of establishing a kingdom, as so many deluded folks expect, He will give up the kingdom to God. Again in Hebrews chapter ten, verses 12 and 13, it can be seen Christ must reign in heaven at God's right hand until the end. Of course the Bible affirms Christ is coming again (Heb. 9:27) literally, just once! It will be personal and visible and there will be no mistake about it (Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7). It will be the end. It will be the end of the probationary period (2 Cor. 5:10). It will be the end of the world (2

Pet. 3:7-10). It will be the end of time (1 Cor. 1:7-8). It will be the end of life and death on earth, as all are resurrected (John 5:28, 29; 2 Thess. 1:5-10). The righteous will be taken up with Christ in the air into the eternal kingdom of heaven (John 14:3; 1 Pet. 1:4; 1 Thess. 4:17; Phil. 3:20). The Bible blasts to smithereens the concoctions of men and various ramifications of millennial reigns, multiple comings and resurrections, raptures, etc.

IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER

A. C. Grider

If a married man spent a night at home and then two elsewhere doing whatever he wanted to do, would you consider him a faithful father and husband?

If an employee worked at his job one day and then did not show up on the job for a couple of days, would he be considered a faithful worker by his boss?

If a student attended a class and then missed two of his next assignments, would the teacher consider him faithful in his school work?

When you attend a service of the congregation, and then miss two services, when you could have been present, do you consider yourself faithful? Do you think Christ considers you faithful?

This is a serious matter for Christians to ponder for it has to do with saving the soul. The mother serves THREE meals and the child eats one and fails to put in an appearance for the others. The child is ungrateful.

But what about eating ONE spiritual meal and missing two? It is serious.

SENTENCE SERMONS

- Footprints in the sands of time are not made by sitting down.
- The truth cannot be stretched without being ruined.
- The grace of God will not lead you outside the will of God.
- True integrity is shown by doing right when no one is looking.
- God promises a sage landing, not a calm passage.

WHO LEFT THE LIGHTS ON?

Author Unknown

Passing by the church building where they attended the morning services on Sunday evening, the little girl of "Christian" parents exclaimed, "Look Daddy, somebody left the lights on. We should stop and turn them off." In silence, the parents drove on. Later at home they decided they had better start attending the evening services, not only to satisfy the curiosity of their little daughter, but their own conscience as well.

DON'T FORGET OUR SHUT-INS:

Gereva Knight
Dolores Otto
Pat Shane