

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF... **TRUTH!**¹

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **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.”² – John 14:16-17*

*“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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine.³ Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.” – John 16:13*

*“By this you know **the Spirit of God**: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, **because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. **By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**” – I John 4:1-6*

The Holy Spirit who is truth authored the Bible, the Word of Truth. So we can have complete confidence and trust in it:

*“Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name⁴ those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are... **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**” – John 17:11, 17*

*“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received **the word of God** which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but **as it is in truth, the word of God**, which also effectively works in you who believe.” – I Thess. 2:13*

And...

...it is He, the Holy Spirit, who can open the blinded minds of unsaved men and women and draw them to Christ. So from start to finish, every day and in every way, may we rely on the Holy Spirit!

¹ Compiled by Mike Edwards, Bible Baptist Church, Madison, Ohio, August 12, 2015. Note: Quotes are from the New King James Version.

² Jesus said “*will be*” because at that point in time because the Holy Spirit had not yet come to dwell permanently in believers as He does now (Eph. 1:13; 4:30). In OT times the Holy Spirit came upon individuals (e.g. prophets, kings, etc.) at specific times for various purposes, but He did not reside in them permanently such as He does in the Church Age (i.e. NT time period). Christ instructed His followers specifically to wait for the Holy Spirit to come according to Christ’s promise before going forth to fulfill His Great Commission (Acts 1:4-5, 8). Shortly after Christ left this world and returned to heaven that event occurred at the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:10-11 cf. Acts 2).

³ The statement “*All things that the Father has are Mine*” is another powerful claim of deity by Christ i.e. He possesses everything that the Father does, which is impossible unless Christ is also God, fully equal with God the Father!-*mwe*

⁴ “*Name*” stands for and represents all of God the Father’s power & person i.e. Everything & all that He is! Likewise, when we are instructed to pray “in Jesus’ name” it means far more than the word Jesus. It means to pray in complete and total trust, reliance and confidence on who He is, i.e. in acknowledgment that He is 100% God, and in total trust on His person & power!