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PART 1: T H E P E R S O N O F T H E H O L Y S P I R I T

Reading: John 16:7 - 14

Introduction

- Christians know about the Father and His Son Jesus, but how much do we know about the Holy Spirit?
- The Holy Spirit is indispensable to the Christian faith and experience.
- **If there was no Holy Spirit:-**
 - There would be no Bible.
 - There would be no power/equipping for service.
 - There would be no natural or spiritual life.
 - There would have been no '*Incarnation*.'

1 What Do We Mean By The Holy Spirit?

- There are those who claim the Holy Spirit is a '*thing*'
- Jehovah Witnesses: '*an invisible force*'
- Armstrongism: '*not a Person*'
- Unification Church: '*a female spirit*'

2 The Holy Spirit Is A Person

- In [John 13 - 16] Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit in the personal pronouns of '*Him*' or '*He*' or '*His*'.

3 Characteristics & Actions Ascribed to People are also Ascribed To The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit can **TEACH**. [John 14:26].
- The Holy Spirit can be **LIED TO**. [Acts 5:3].
- The Holy Spirit **CALLS** to the ministry. [Acts 13:2].
- The Holy Spirit can **LEAD**. [Romans 8:14].
- The Holy Spirit **INTERCEEDS** For Us. [Romans 8:26].
- The Holy Spirit has a **MIND**. [Romans 8:27].
- The Holy Spirit can **LOVE**. [Romans 15:30].
- The Holy Spirit can **SEARCH**. [1 Corinthians 2:10]
- The Holy Spirit can be **GRIEVED**. [Ephesians 4:30].
- The Holy Spirit can **SPEAK**. [1 Timothy 4:1].
- The Holy Spirit can be **BLASPHEMED AGAINST**. [Matthew 12:31].
- The Holy Spirit can be **RESISTED**. [Acts 7:51].

4 Another Helper [John 14:16]

- Two different Greek words for '*another*'.
- '*Allos*' another of the same kind.
- '*Hetaros*' another of a different kind.
- The Holy Spirit is another of the same kind as Jesus.
- Just as Jesus was a Person it follows the Holy Spirit has to be a Person also.
- If the Holy Spirit was a force or a thing Jesus was sending another of a different kind.

Conclusion

- The Holy Spirit is not a '*Something*' but rather a '*Someone*'.

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