



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Introduction to studying what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit

1. The importance of the doctrine

- Understanding the person and work of the Holy Spirit begins with an understanding of the nature of God
- The One true God eternally exists as Three co-equal persons; The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit
- The three persons of the Trinity are one in essence but distinct in existence
- While a perfect unity exists in the relationship and work of the persons of the Trinity, the Scriptures emphasize the Father's role in planning salvation, the Son's role in accomplishing salvation and the Spirit's role in applying salvation
- The entirety of the Christian life is empowered and activated by means of the Spirit

2. Biblical Foundations for the study of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19-20

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Acts 5:3-5

Romans 8:9-11

Romans 8:13-16

Romans 8:26-27

1 Corinthians 2:10-13

John 14:16-18

1 Corinthians 12:11-13

Ephesians 4:29-30

Acts 1:4-8

Galatians 5:16-25

Scriptural Observations

1. The Holy Spirit is God
2. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity
3. The Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son
4. The Holy Spirit is not just a power or force, He is a person who possesses all the elements, mind, will, and emotion, of personality
5. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Jesus
6. Everything God desires for your Christian life and everything you desire in your relationship with God, is experienced through the ministry of the Holy Spirit
7. The Holy Spirit transforms us to be like Christ; The Spirit gives us victory over the flesh; He produces His fruit in our lives, and the Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for Christ