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BS8-The Deity of the Holy Ghost

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HOLY GHOST IS GOD

A profound change took place in my spiritual life when I realized that the Holy Ghost was God. Millions of people - and I was among them - are somehow brought up to believe that He is less equal.....Jehovah is the name of the triune being - not the name of just one of them. The Father is called Jehovah. The Son is called Jehovah. The Holy Ghost is called Jehovah....The moment that I realized that the Holy Spirit was God - and began to worship Him and treat Him as God - my life began to change. (Benny Hinn, GOOD MORNING HOLY SPIRIT, 1990 Thomas Nelson, Pgs. 69-71)

HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLED GOD

1. (Acts 5:3-4 KJV) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? {4} Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

HE IS OMNIPRESENT

2. (Psalms 139:7-10 KJV) Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? {8} If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. {9} If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; {10} Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

HE IS ETERNAL

3. (Hebrews 9:14 KJV) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

It is impossible to rightly understand the work of the Holy Spirit, or to get into right relation with the Holy Spirit Himself and thus know His blessed work in our own souls, without first coming to know the Holy Spirit as a person. (R. A. Torrey, THE HOLY SPIRIT, who He is and as a person, Flemming H. Revell, P. 11)

PERSONAL PRONOUNS ARE USED TO DESCRIBE THE HOLY SPIRIT

4. (John 14:16 KJV) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

The Sins Against the Holy Ghost

HOLY GHOST IS A PERSON WHO CAN BE SINNED AGAINST

Blasphemy

5. (Matthew 12:31 KJV) Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
Grieved

6. (Isaiah 63:10 KJV) But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

7. (Ephesians 4:30 KJV) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
Insulted

8. (Hebrews 10:29 NKJV) Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
Resisted

9. (Acts 7:51 KJV) Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.
Quenched

10. (1 Thessalonians 5:19 KJV) Quench not the Spirit.

To think of the Holy Spirit as simply a power from God is to fall into a form of idolatry; it is to ask, "How can I get the Holy Spirit and use it?" God would this be a power to be selfishly manipulated. (William M. Greathouse, THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT, 1958 Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City, Missouri, P. 55)

The Holy Spirit is the Voice of God

HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON WHO SPEAKS

The Holy Spirit is the one who communicates heaven into your heart. He is the voice of God to you. You say, "Well, I know it was God speaking to me." Of course it was God. It was God the Holy Spirit. To put it another way, it is the Father, through the Son, speaking by the Holy Spirit. (Benny Hinn, GOOD MORNING HOLY SPIRIT, 1990 Thomas Nelson, P. 70)

11. (Acts 8:29 KJV) Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

12. (Acts 10:19 KJV) While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

13. (Acts 13:2 KJV) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL SPEAKING TO THE CHURCH

14. (Revelation 2:7 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

15. (Revelation 2:11 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

16. (Revelation 2:29 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

17. (Revelation 3:6 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

18. (Revelation 3:13 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

19. (Revelation 3:22 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Other Scriptures That Will Help Us to Think of the Holy Ghost as a Person

HE INTERCEEDS

20. (Romans 8:26 NKJV) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

This passage gives me hope that, when I've come to the end of myself and don't even know how to express my prayer, the Holy Spirit will come to my aid and assist me by praying both for me and through me....groaning is not a very sophisticated way to pray....It is only when the desperation factor exceeds our embarrassment factor that we are open to a new work from God....Does this passage in Romans, chapter 8, speak of praying in tongues? It seems to me that this passage would include the ability to pray in tongues, but it doesn't describe that experience exclusively. (Dudley Hall, INCENSE AND THUNDER, 1999 Multnomah Publishers, Pgs. 188,189-191)HE HAS A MIND

21. (Romans 8:27 NKJV) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE

22. (2 Peter 1:21 KJV) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

23. (2 Samuel 23:2 KJV) The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.
HE CONVICTS PEOPLE OF SIN

24. (John 16:8 NKJV) "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Neither you no I can convince any man of sin. As we shall see later, the Holy Spirit uses us to do the work, that is, He does the work through us, but we of ourselves cannot do it. He must do it. (R. A. Torrey, THE HOLY SPIRIT, Who He is and What He Does, Flemming H. Revell, P. 42)

HE REGENERATES

25. (Titus 3:5 KJV) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

HE INDWELLS CHRISTIANS

26. (1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

27. (1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

28. (Romans 8:9 KJV) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

HE GUIDES AND LEADS

29. (John 16:13 KJV) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

30. (Romans 8:14 KJV) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

HE ASSURES US OF SALVATION

31. (Romans 8:16 KJV) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The testimony of the Spirit is an inward impression on the soul, whereby the Spirit of God directly witnesses to my spirit, that I am a child of God; that Jesus Christ hath loved me, and given himself for me; and that all my sins are blotted out, and I, even I, am reconciled to God. (John Wesley, WESLEY'S WORKS, 1986 Baker Book House, P. 115, Volume 5)