

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
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Worksheet #3

From Where Did The Holy Spirit Come?

- What is your earliest recollection of the Holy Spirit? How did you hear about the Holy Spirit and what were you taught?
- What illustrations do you remember being used to convey the concept of “one God in three persons”?
- Why do you believe it is important to emphasize that Christianity is monotheistic and not polytheistic?
- When you hear that, “the HS is the Administrative Agent of the Trinity,” what does that mean to you.

The Work of the HS Prior to Pentecost:

Read Genesis 1:1-3 and John 1: 1-6.

- What evidence is provided regarding the Trinity?
- What does the Gospel of John say about the identity of Jesus and about the pre-existence of Jesus?
- What is revealed about the “spirit of God” in Genesis 1: 1-3?

Read Luke 3: 21-22.

- Can you identify God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in this passage?
- How is the godhead presented as distinct persons while still being intertwined and working together as one?

The Holy Spirit’s work in the Old Testament.

- The Bible does not give a comprehensive picture of the work of the Holy Spirit during the Old Testament period. The HS, however, was active. Compile a list of people that were anointed or empowered by the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.

- What key concepts do we learn from these stories regarding the person and work of the Holy Spirit?
- The HS granted special skills to Bezalel, Exodus 31:1-5, as the *general contractor* for the construction of the Tabernacle. What specific gifts and skills are mentioned?

The Holy Spirit After Pentecost

Read Acts 2:1- 11.

- What captures your attention about this passage of Scripture?
- What, if anything, confuses you regarding this passage of Scripture?
- What signs and symbols are presented in this passage?
- Why, in your opinion, did the 120 leave the Upper Room and spill-out into the streets? What were the negative and the positive results?

Real Joel 2:28-29

- Why is it significant that Peter connects the Upper Room experience with this Old Testament prophesy?
- What radical or new concepts do you think those listening to Peter's explanation questioned?
- In what way(s) did prayer pave the way for an outpouring and experience of the Holy Spirit?

Next week:

Session 4 - How the HS provides gifts (manifestations) or tools to assist us personally and professionally.