LESSON 7: CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

(I) THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS DIETY AND PERSON

(A) The Holy Spirit is a person: In Greek, personal pronouns are used - He, Him, etc.

(B) Greek (parakletos) - "One called alongside to help",
Helper, Comforter, Counselor.

(C) In John 14:16, who is the "He" referring to?

(II) HE DOES THE THINGS ONLY A PERSON CAN DO

(A) He teaches and helps us to remember. John 14:26.

(B) He calls men to service (He speaks). Acts 13:2.

(C) He convicts us of sin. John 16:8.

(D) He leads. Romans 8:13,14.

III) BEING A PESON HE CAN BE EFFECTED BY OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

(A) We can lie to Him. Acts 5:1-3.

(B) We can grieve Him. Ephesians 4:30.

(C) We can quench Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

(D) We can insult Him. Hebrews 10:29.

(IV) THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

(A) Omnipresent. Psalms 139:7-10.

(B) Omnipotent. Luke 1:35.

(C) Omniscient. John 14:26; 16:12,13.

(D) Eternal. Hebrews 9:14.

(E) Holy. Romans 1:4;

(F) Creator. Job 33:4; Psalms 104:30.

(V) HE IS DISTINCT FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON

(A) Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:21-22

(VI) WHEN WE AER SAVED:

(A) He regenerates us (makes us spiritually alive). John 3:3-8; Titus 3:4-7

(B) He indwells us. 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19

(C) He brings satisfaction for our needs. John 4:13-14; 7:37-39

(D) He is the seal of our salvation (Security of Ownership). Ephesians 1:13-14

(E) The Holy Spirit is recognized as God in Acts 5:3,4 and is active upon man, convicting him of sin and guiding the believer into all truth. John 16:7-11.

Summary of the Trinity

1. Genesis 1:1 - The word for God in Hebrew is Elohim.
Singular word for God - El; dual tense - Elah; three or more - Elohim (uniplural noun).

2. The doctrine of the Trinity is not explicit in the Old Testament, but it is implied:
Genesis 1:26; 3:22;11:7.

3. It is explicit in the New Testament:
Matthew 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21.

4. The Bible teaches there is only one God:
Deuteronomy 4:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 43:10.

5. Even creation implies the doctrine of the Trinity:
Space - length, width, depth in 1 space;
Man - body, soul, spirit in one man.

In the Holy Trinity we have one God manifested (revealed) to us in three distinct persons, all having the same attributes and all being called God. It is difficult to understand totally; we must accept it by faith.

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