

# Biblical Foundations for Ministry

## The Holy Spirit: Person and Work

### Video 1: Person and Work

#### 1. Nature of the Holy Spirit

- a. A personal being
  - 1) Not an impersonal power (Judaism)
  - 2) Described with personal characteristics
    - a) Speaks and guides (John 16:13)
    - b) Gives commands (Acts 13:2)
    - c) Makes decisions (Acts 15:28)
    - d) Intercedes with God (Rom. 8:26)
    - d) Can be challenged
      - 1- Resisted (Acts 7:51)
      - 2- Grieved (Eph. 4:30)
      - 3- Insulted (Heb. 10:29)
- b. A divine person
  - 1) All the attributes of deity
    - a) Eternal nature (Heb. 9:14)
    - b) Omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10-11)
  - 2) Referred to as deity
    - a) Can be blasphemed (Matt. 12:31-32)
    - b) Spoken of as God (Acts 5:3 and 4)
  - 3) Included in Trinitarian statements

#### 2. Work of the Holy Spirit

- a. Creation
  - 1) Actively involved in the process (Gen. 1:1-2)
  - 2) Bestowed life to living creatures (Job 33:4)
- b. Revelation
  - 1) The key agent of delivery
    - a) Revelation messages originate from God the Father
    - b) Often delivered by angel messengers (Heb. 2:2)
    - c) Largely attributed to the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21)
  - 2) Inspiration of Scripture
    - a) Guided and supervised (John 15:26-27)
    - b) Produced sacred and trustworthy Scripture
- c. Salvation
  - 1) Focused on spiritual renewal
  - 2) An indwelling presence
    - a) Providing spiritual strength (Rom. 8:9-14)
    - b) Enabling our regeneration and sanctification (Titus 3:5)

