

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)

