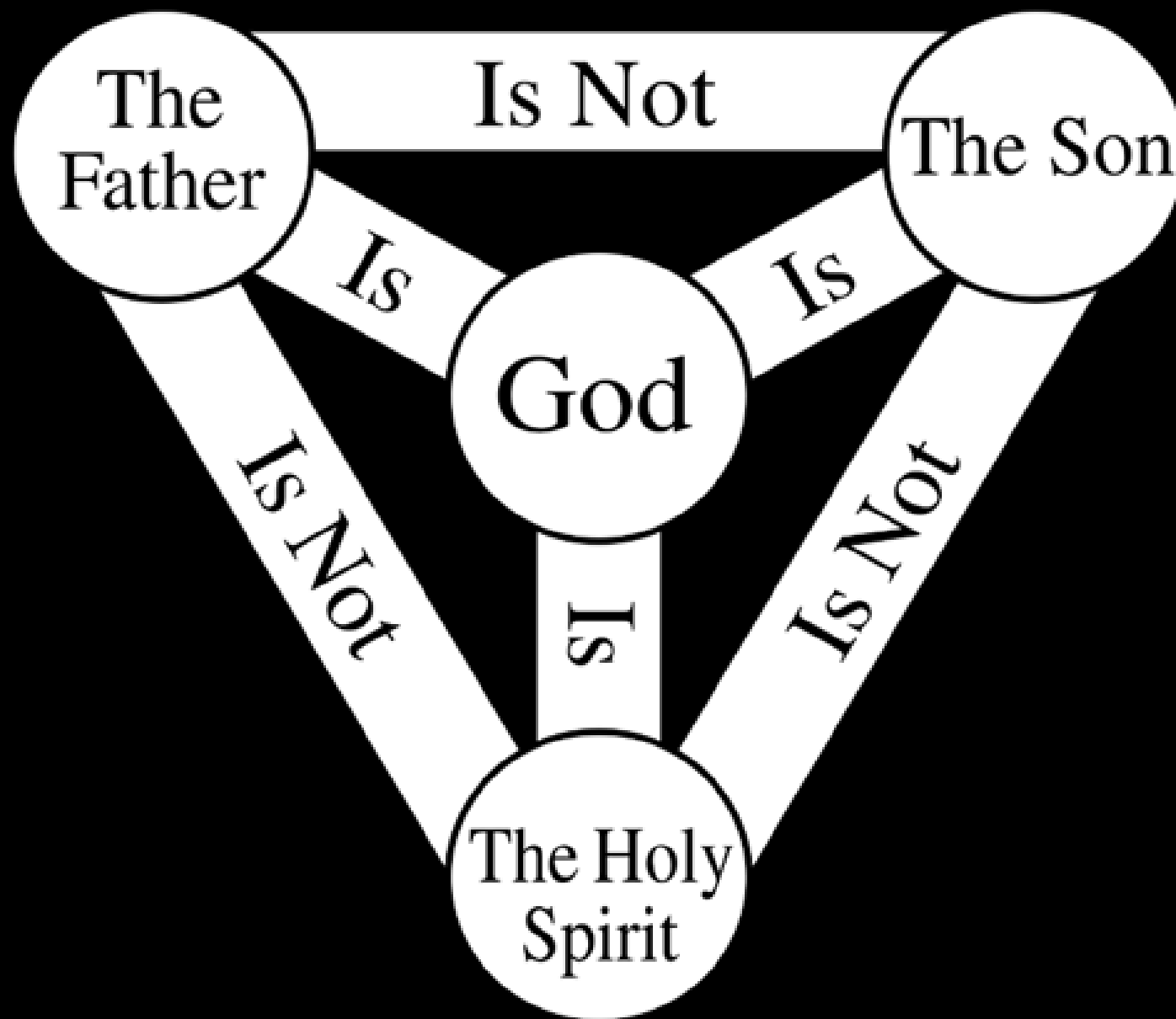


Series on the Holy Spirit

Deity and the Personhood of the Holy Spirit



Athanasian Creed

Now this is the catholic faith: That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal. And so even today we see many groups today don't believe in the trinity.

Monotheism

Malachi 2:10 (NASB) Do we not all have **one Father**? Is it not **one God** who has created us?

Ephesians 4:6 **one God and Father** of all who is over all and through all and in all.

James 2:19 You believe that **God is one**. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

Matthew 3:16-17 After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him, 17 and behold, a voice from the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Who is the Father?

The Father is Not the Son

- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

The Father is Not the Holy Spirit

- John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.

The Father Is God

- Luke 23:34 [But Jesus was saying, “**Father, forgive them**; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots, dividing His garments among themselves.

Who is the Son?

The Son is Not the Father

- **John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

The Son is Not the Spirit

- **John 16:7** But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

The Son is God

- **John 10:30-33** ***I and the Father are one.***” 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus replied to them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, “We are not stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, ***make Yourself out to be God.***”
- **Matthew 9:2** And they brought to Him a paralyzed man lying on a stretcher. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man who was paralyzed, “Take courage, son; ***your sins are forgiven.***” 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!”

The Holy Spirit

Hebrew – Ruah – Spirit, Wind or Breath

- **Genesis 1:1-2** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit (Ruah)** of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.
- **Genesis 8:1** But God remembered Noah and all the animals and all the livestock that were with him in the ark; and God caused a **wind (Ruah)** to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.
- **Job 27:3** For as long as life is in me, And the **breath (Ruah)** of God is in my nostrils,

The Holy Spirit

Greek – Pneuma – God’s Spirit, Man’s Spirit and Evil Spirits

- Romans 8:16 The **Spirit (pneuma)** Himself testifies with our **spirit (pneuma)** that we are children of God,
- Mark 5:8 For He had already been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean **spirit (pneuma)!**”
- We also see the Spirit associated with wind, air and the very breath of God
 - John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, “Receive the Holy **Spirit (pneuma)**.”

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit is God

- 2 Peter 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the **Holy Spirit spoke from God.**
- 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
- Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back some of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men, but to God.**”
- Mark 3:29-30 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has **forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin**” — 30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit is Not the Father

- Romans 8:26-27 Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and **He (Father)** who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **He (Spirit)** intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Spirit is Not the Son

- John 16:7 But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send Him** to you.

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

The Bible Personifies the Spirit

- John 16:13-14 But when **He**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He** will guide you into all the truth; for **He** will not speak on His own, but whatever **He** hears, **He** will speak; and **He** will disclose to you what is to come. 14 **He** will glorify Me, for **He** will take from Mine and will disclose it to you.

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit Can Be Grieved

- Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled And **grieved** His Holy Spirit; Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.
- Ephesians 4:30 Do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Spirit Can Be Lied To

- Acts 5:3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie** to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the proceeds of the land?”

The Spirit Speaks

- Acts 8:29 Then the **Spirit said** to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.”
- Acts 10:19-20 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the **Spirit said** to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. 20 But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself.”

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The Spirit Helps Create

- **Genesis 1:2** And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

The Spirit Leads

- **Romans 8:14** For all who are being **led** by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.

The Spirit Helps, Teaches and Reminds

- **John 14:26** But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and **remind** you of all that I said to you.

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit Convicts

- John 16:8 And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:

The Spirit Guides and Hears

- John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will **guide** you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He **hears**, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come

The Spirit Distributes Gifts and Has a Will

- 1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing** to each one individually just as He **wills**.

Personhood of the Holy Spirit

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What would you say this something is?

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