



Who Is God The Holy Spirit?

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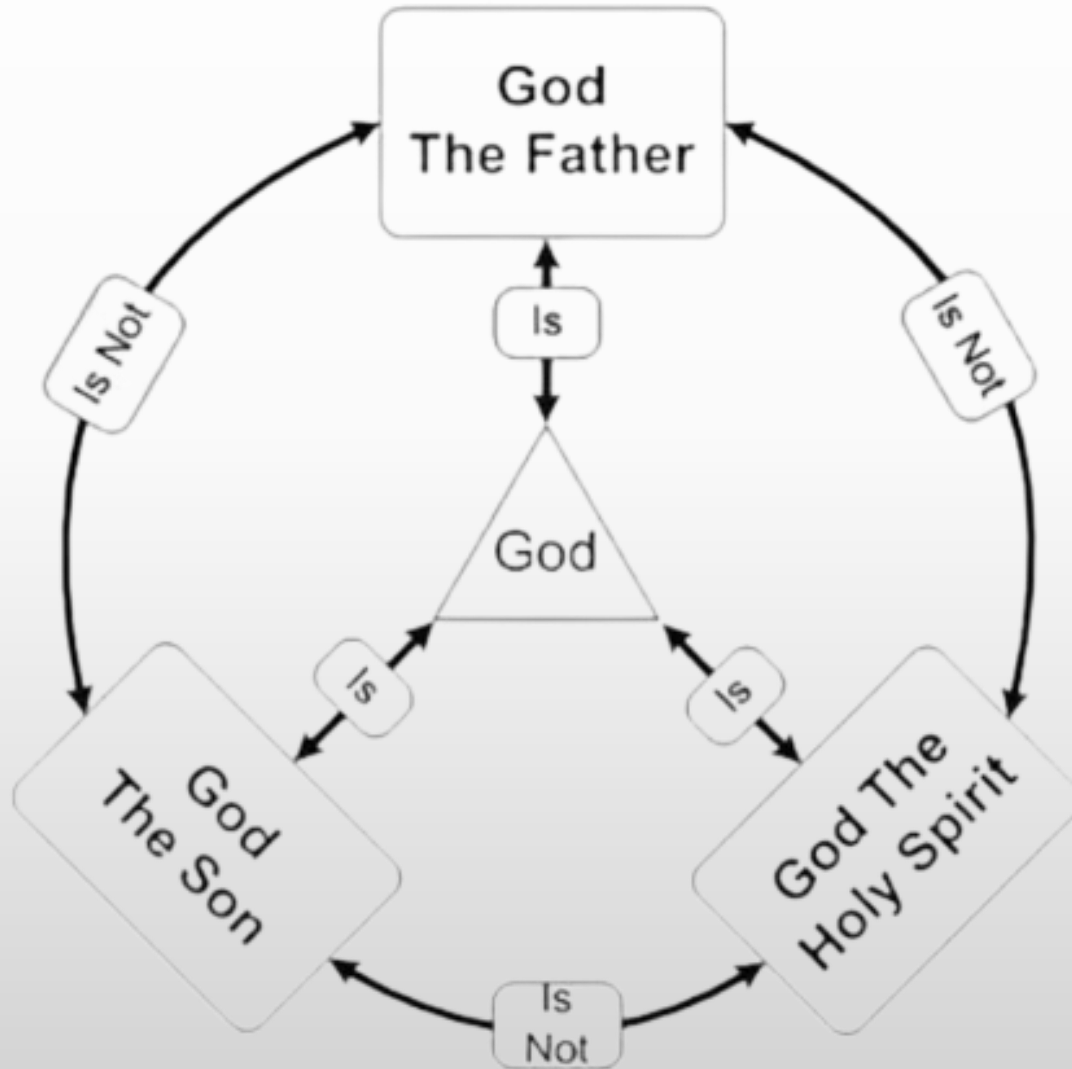


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¹⁰ For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:10-11



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³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30



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- Intellect (I Cor.2:10,11)
- Emotion (Eph.4:30)
- Volition

¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

I Corinthians 12:11



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³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price 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.”

Acts 5:3-4



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¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

II Corinthians 3:17-18



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- Creation

² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:2

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

Psalms 104:30



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- Scripture

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. II Peter 1:20-21



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- In Old Testament (King Saul and King David)

*Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

Psalms 51:11



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⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, Titus 3:5,6



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¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, “I am of Paul,” and “I of Apollos,” and “I of Cephas,” and “I of Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 1:12-13



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¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14



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¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16



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¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

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- John 16:8—**convicts** the world of sin

⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

John 16:8



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³¹ “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. ³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Matthew 12:31-32



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The Context

In Matthew 12:22-23, Jesus miraculously liberated a man from demon possession. The evidence of His miracles pointed to the fact that Jesus was the Messiah and that the kingdom was at hand (vs.28). The Pharisees could not deny the fact of the miracle. In a desperate attempt to turn the multitudes from following Jesus, the religious leaders declared that He did the miracle by the power of Beelzebul, Satan.



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Jesus warned these religious leaders of blasphemy that “*shall not be forgiven*” (vs.31). Blasphemia (blasphemy) means slander or defamation. To “blaspheme” is to speak lightly or profanely of sacred things, and in this context it may be defined as irreverent speech against God. The Pharisees had attributed Christ’s miracles to the work of Satan (Matt.12:24).



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The view [#3] that limits the unpardonable sin to the first century appears to be most consistent with the historical context and the textual information. Many believers have wondered if they have committed the unpardonable sin. To those who worry that they have committed this sin, their very spiritual concern reflects the fact that they have not. Further, the circumstances necessary to reproduce this sin are not possible today.



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- “Spirit of truth”

¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:17



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⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

John 14:6



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Romans 3:23



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 3. Most important thing in life is not what you possess, but what you believe.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16



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Conversion

1. Conviction of sin
2. Repentance of sin
3. Turning to Christ



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- If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.
- If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.
- If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.
- If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.
- But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.