

One Spirit

Ephesians 4:4

John 16:13-14

Introduction: Occasionally there arises an area of confusion on the subject of the Holy Spirit. Much of this is due to there being so much false teaching on the Holy Spirit. Consider the following scenario:

You can say we are led by the Father and there is no reaction. You can say we are led by Jesus and there is no reaction. You can say we are led by the Holy spirit and there is a lot of reaction. As a matter of fact, a person who relates the first two proposals will be accepted without reservation. But let someone propose the latter and he just may be viewed in a suspicious. Someone might ask, “*What has happened here, has he gone Pentecostal?*” One reason for this type of reaction is due to false teaching on the Holy Spirit. Another reason may be that there hasn’t been enough teaching on the Holy Spirit.

I. The Holy Spirit As A Part Of The Godhead.

- A.** Distinct personality of the Godhead.
 - 1. Words used most commonly as “Godhead” is a derivative of the one used for God (Theos).
 - 2. The only difference in the derivatives is that one focuses on attributes while the other focuses on nature.
 - 3. This is found three times in the New Testament (***Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:9***).
- B.** Three separate persons in the Godhead.
 - 1. Father (***Gal. 1:1***).
 - 2. Son (***Jn. 20:28***).
 - 3. Holy Spirit (***Acts 5:3-4***).
- C.** The Holy Spirit possesses qualities of a being.
 - 1. Has a mind (***Rom. 8:27***).
 - 2. Can be grieved (***Eph. 4:30***).
 - 3. Can be lied unto (***Acts 5:3***).
 - 4. Speaks (***1 Tim. 4:1***).
 - 5. Teaches (***1 Cor. 2:13***).
- D.** Notice the pronoun usage in ***John 16:13-14***. Never referred to in any reputable translation as an “it.”

II. The Godhead And Unity.

- A.** Father originated the plan (**Jn. 12:49-50**).
- B.** Jesus instituted the plan (**Jn. 6:35-40**).
- C.** The Holy Spirit has empowered the plan.
 - 1.** Reveals (**Jn. 14:26; 16:13-14**).
 - 2.** Inspires (**1 Cor. 2:12-13**).
- D.** All of what any of the Godhead does is in unity. Everything in the plan is toward unity as well.
- E.** All operate conjointly (**Eph. 2:17-18**).

III. Terms Indicate Assistance In Guidance.

- A.** ***“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Gal. 5:25).***
- B.** ***“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” Rm. 8:14).***
- C.** There is only one direction to go—follow God.
 - 1.** The Holy Sprit does not guide anyone anywhere but in that direction.
 - 2.** This guiding is through the word (**Jn. 6:63**).

Conclusion: Let us continue to strive for unity by maintaining that the Holy Spirit is a part of the Godhead and that His work today is through the leading of the word and our following it.