

AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Topic: Going Deeper - The Role Of The Holy Spirit

Text: Gen.1:1-2; Gen. 2:7

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Intro: AHOW's overarching theme for this year is Going Deeper. For the next two Wednesday's we will be examining the Role Of The Holy Spirit as it pertains to this year's theme of Going Deeper.

For some it will be a discovery of things unknown. For others it will be a re-discovery of things known and for others it will be a mixture of both.

I don't want to merely share biblical information about The Holy Spirit. My desire is that as we open God's word to know more about who this divine person is that your/our hearts be stirred up to know Him (God) in a deeper and more meaningful way and that we would desire Him (God) more and more even after our time together comes to an end.

Going Deeper defined - In eastern religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism Going Deeper has to do with undergoing a process or religious rite/practice in order to gain heightened knowledge, understanding and personal autonomy. Not so with biblical Christianity. For the Christian Going Deeper in it's simplest sense means strengthening our relationship with God the Father, Through Faith in Christ Jesus Alone, all the while being equipped and capacitated by the Holy Spirit to do so.

This study will attempt to examine how the Holy Spirit brings this to pass.

➤ **THE SPIRIT YIELDS GREAT PROFIT!**

Because of our short time together I have to omit many nuances and details that one can say about this glorious person and focus our class on the words of our Lord Jesus found in John 16:7 "It is to your **advantage** that I go away."

Read: Jn 16:5-7. **5** "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your **advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **Him** to you.

***Advantage**: Gr. 'Sumfer-o' (soomfer-o) to be helpful and or profitable.

Something that is helpful comes alongside to assist in providing **desirable results**.

Something that is profitable yields advantageous returns or results.

Let's further investigate how it is that Jesus going from the disciples could ever be an advantage to them.

➤ **WHO IS THIS HOLY SPIRIT THAT JESUS SPEAKS OF?**

For starters the word Spirit in the original Hebrew (Ruwach) and Greek (Pneuma) have this sense of driving forceful energy. They are words used to describe the Wind or a Gale. They are an expression of power and energy in motion. These words, ascribed to The Holy Spirit, let's the reader know that He is the expression of divine power, life and energy.

When speaking with Nicodemus in John 3:8 it is this very expression that Jesus employs to explain how it is that the Holy Spirit interacts with sinners to bring them into a regenerate (Born Again) state.

Secondly the word Holy in the original Hebrew is Qadowsh (ka-doshe) and Greek it is Hagios (Ha-ge-os). These words in their most basic sense mean Clean, Pure, blameless.

Depending on the context it means to Make Clean, Pure, Blameless by consecrating/setting apart a person, place or thing for God and for God and His purposes. As pertaining to God and the things of God they serve to mark a clear distinction between that which is common and uncommon, worldly and divine.

These words used together “Holy” and “Spirit” make up the divine title of the third person of the Holy Trinity.

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH Chap.2 vs 3:

In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, having one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.³² The Father exists. He is not generated and does not come from any source. The Son is eternally generated from the Father,³³ and the Holy Spirit eternally comes from the Father and the Son.³⁴

32. 1 Jn 5.7, Mt 3.16-17, 28.19, 2 Cor 13.14, Eph 2.18.

33. Jn 1.14,18, 17.24, Heb 1.2-6, Col 1.15-17.

34. Jn 15.26, Gal 4.6.

➤ THE **SPIRIT'S** INVOLVEMENT WITH THE DEEP **THINGS** OF GOD

Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 **9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the **things** which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his **Spirit**: for the **Spirit** searcheth all **things**, yes, the deep **things** of God. **11** For what man knoweth the **things** of a man, save the **spirit** of man which is in him? even so the **things** of God knoweth no man, but the **Spirit** of God. **12** Now we have received, not the **spirit** of the world, but the **spirit** which is of God; that we might know the **things** that are freely given to us of God.

Deep Things - Case Study #1

Read Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** And the earth was **without form**, and **void**; and **darkness** was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of God **hovered/brood** over the face of the deep (waters)

The Spirit of God uses the **Word of God**, that proceeds out of the mouth of God to bring order out of formlessness, fullness out of emptiness and fills the dark places on earth with light.

Genesis 1 & 2 is an account of how the Form, Fullness and Illumination of the original created mass takes place.

Deep Things - Case Study # 2

In Genesis 2:7 we see the Spirit of God doing the same thing in the newly formed man ... “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

We don't have to go far to find out how the Holy Spirit works because right here, In the very beginning of the bible God shows us two things the Holy Spirit does in the life of the Christian.

#1 The Holy Spirit hovers/broods over our Non-Christian past which was Formless, Void/Empty and Dark

#2 By God's spoken Word, He brings Order, Fullness, Light and Divine Purpose to our lives bringing us to Faith in Jesus Christ.

The very first thing that happens when Adam becomes a living being is that The Holy Spirit reveals The Face of God to him.

God's face is the principle aim and motivation for biblical fellowship with God. It is the reason we should desire to Go Deeper with god.

To have someone's face is to have their attention which is expressed by their eyes and words.

To have someone's face is to have their presence.

To have someone's face is to have their image/identity.

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Psalms 27:8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Deep Things - Case Study # 3

The Holy Spirit's main goal in creation was not to create for creation's sake but to make a place that was suitable and of beauty for God and man to fellowship in. By the work of The Holy Spirit the world and Eden becomes a temple for the worship and man becomes the chief worship leader.

This is a common work of the Holy Spirit all throughout the bible.

Fast forward to Exodus 31:1-11 Here we see the nation of Israel abiding in a dry and barren place. It is in this desert that Bezalel and Aholiab are filled with The Holy Spirit for the purpose of creating a place of beauty where man can fellowship with God.

In 1 Kings 3:1-15 Solomon asks God for wisdom and the Spirit of Wisdom gives it to him. With that wisdom Solomon builds the temple of God and on the day of its dedication the bible says that the presence and glory of God which is the Spirit of God filled the temple. 1 Kings 8:11

On the day of Pentecost 120 of The Lord's disciples were gathered in an upper room and it wasn't until The Holy Spirit invaded that room with a mighty wind from heaven that the church was born. Acts 2

This is The Holy Spirit's main objective with the church, to bring it out of a place of formlessness, emptiness and darkness and make of it, a place of beauty, holy & consecrated for the glory of God The Father and His Only Begotten Jesus Christ.!

