GIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE

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John 14:25-26 (ESV)

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still
with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the
Father will send in my name, he will teach you all
things and bring to your remembrance all that I have
said to you.

John 16:12-15 (ESV)

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you
cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth
comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will
not speak on his own authority, but whatever he
hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the
things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he
will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that
the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will
take what is mine and declare it to you.

“Our blunder (or shall we frankly say our sin?) has been to neglect the doctrine of the Spirit to a point where we virtually deny Him His place in the Godhead. This denial has not been by open doctrinal statement, for we have clung closely enough to the Biblical position wherever our credal pronouncements are concerned. Our formal creed is sound; the breakdown is in our working creed...

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Our neglect of the doctrine of the blessed Third Person has had and is having serious consequences. The doctrine of the Spirit is buried dynamite. Its power awaits discovery and use by the church. The power of the Spirit will not be given to any mincing assent to pneumatological truth.

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The Holy Spirit cares not at all whether we write Him into our credenda in the back of our hymnals; He waits for our emphasis. When the Holy Spirit ceases to be incidental and again becomes fundamental, the power of the Spirit will be asserted once more among the people called Christians.”

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1. The Holy Spirit is a Person

John 14:16 (NIV)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Counselor to be with you forever—

John 16:13 (NIV)

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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2. The Holy Spirit is the Lord God

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Titus 2:13 (NKJV)

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Psalm 104:30 (NIV)

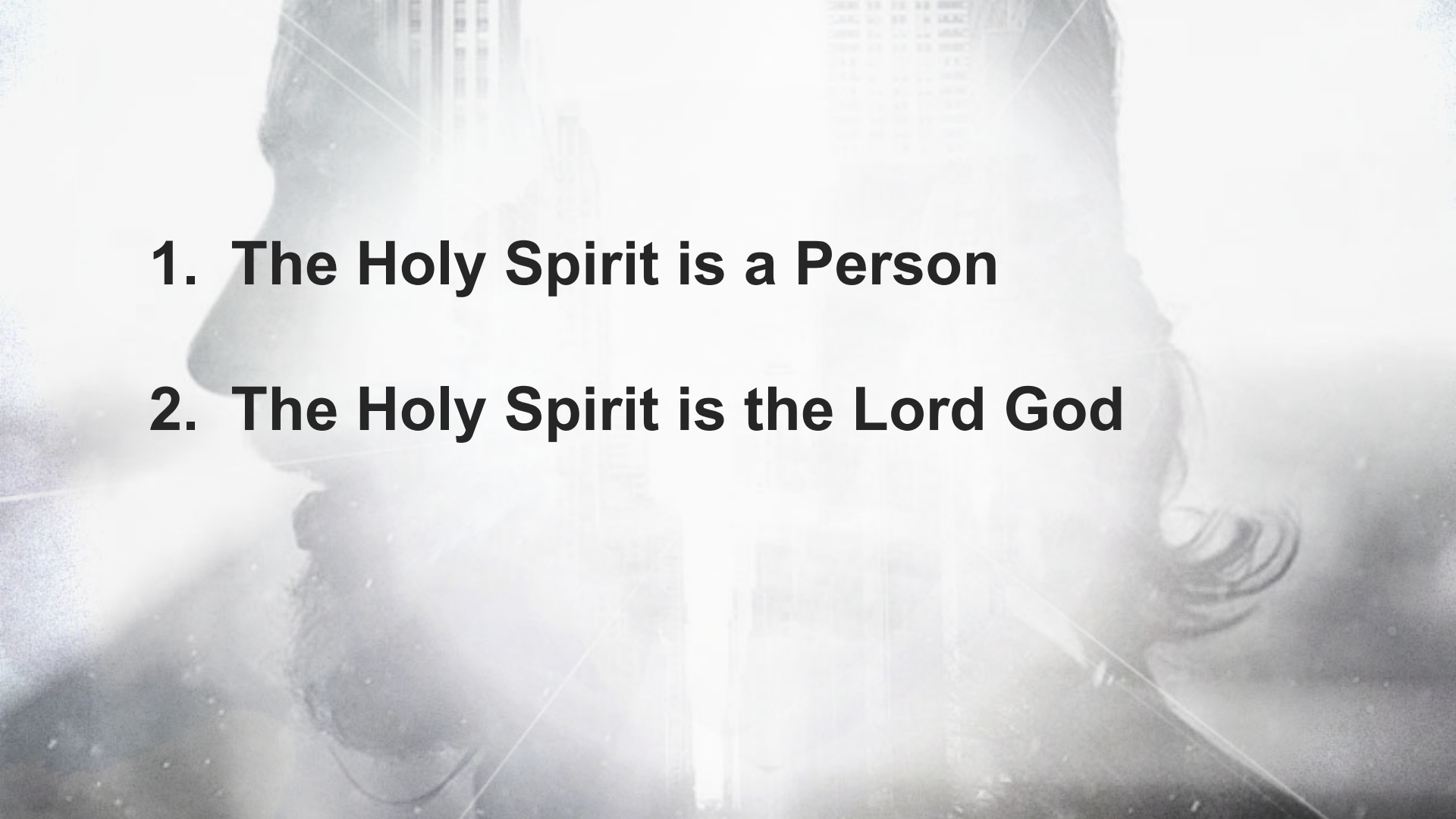
30 When you send your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Job 33:4 (NIV)

4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

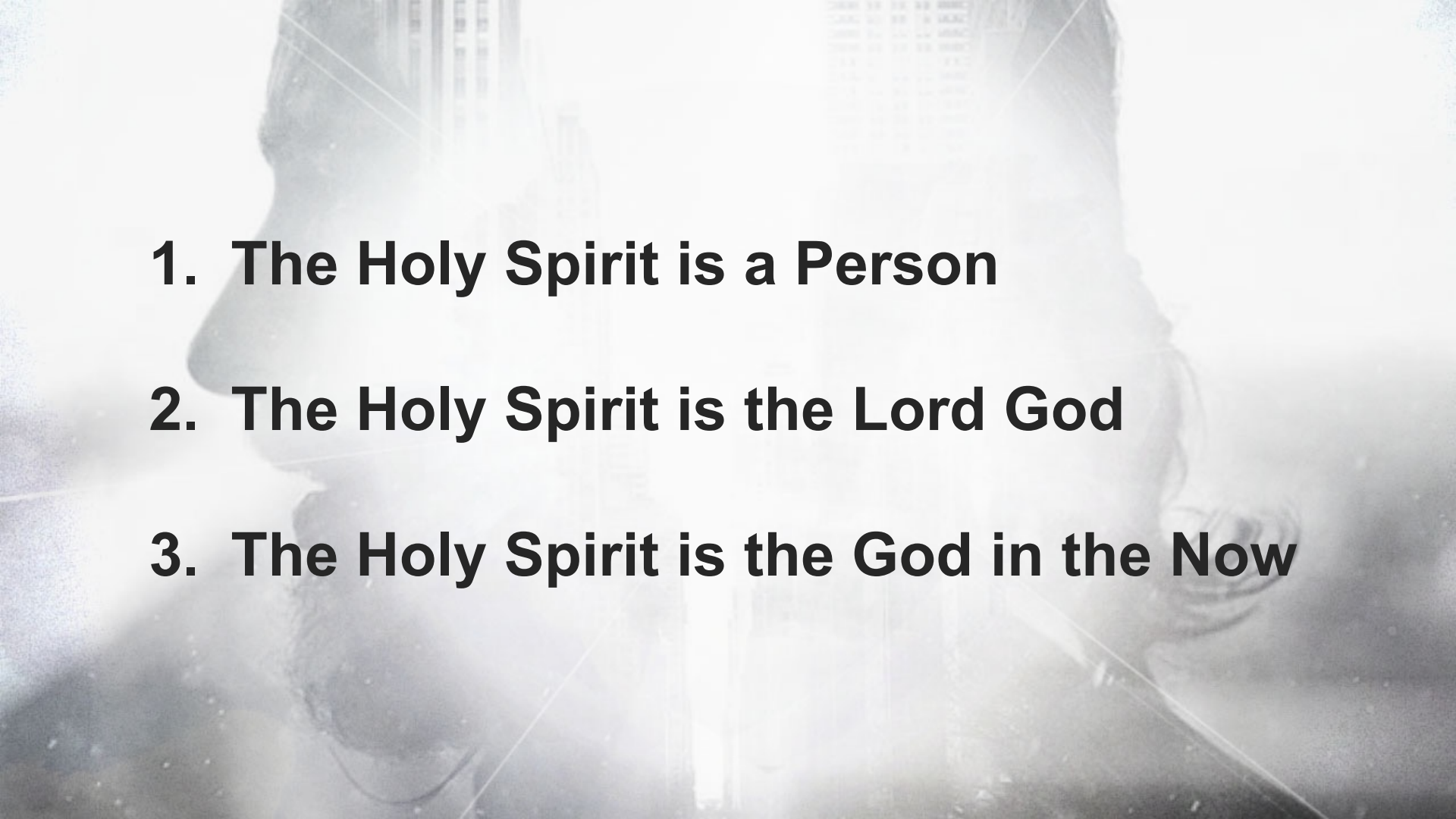


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3. The Holy Spirit is the God in the Now

John 14:16-18 (NIV)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the
Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because
it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know
him, **for he lives with you and will be in you**. 18 I
will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Acts 10:38 (NIV)

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)

14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Acts 5:3 (NIV)

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

Acts 13:2 (NIV)

2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting,
the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and
Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 15:28 (NIV)

28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

APPLICATION:

Grow as Spirit Beings

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV)

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

a. We are Primarily Spirit Beings

Genesis 2:7 (NIV)

7 …the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions
and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you
followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the
kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in
those who are disobedient.

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

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We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”

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Galatians 5:25 (NKJV)

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us
with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

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c. We are to Train Ourselves as Spirit Beings

1 Corinthians 14:4 (NKJV)

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself…

1 Corinthians 14:39 (NKJV)

39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy,
and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Jude 1:20 (NIV)

20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

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1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with
persuasive words of human wisdom, but in
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your
faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in
the power of God.

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Acts 8:14-17 (NKJV)

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had received the word of God,
they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they
had come down, prayed for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen
upon none of them. They had only been baptised in
the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands
on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44-48(NKJV)

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptised who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptised in the name of the Lord. Then they askeds.

Acts 10:44-48(NKJV)

Acts 19:1-2 (NKJV)

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that
Paul, having passed through the upper regions,
came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he
said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when
you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so
much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

Acts 19:5-7 (NKJV)

5 When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all.