

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



WELCOME!!!

John 14:15-17, 25-26

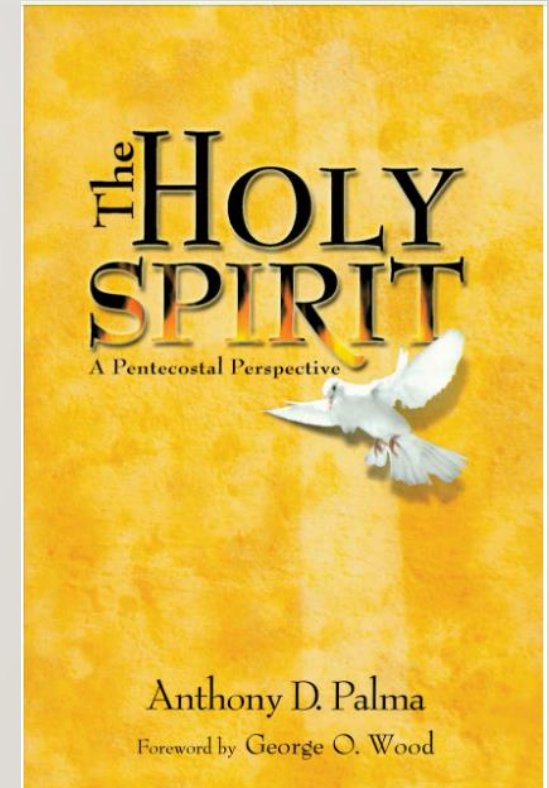
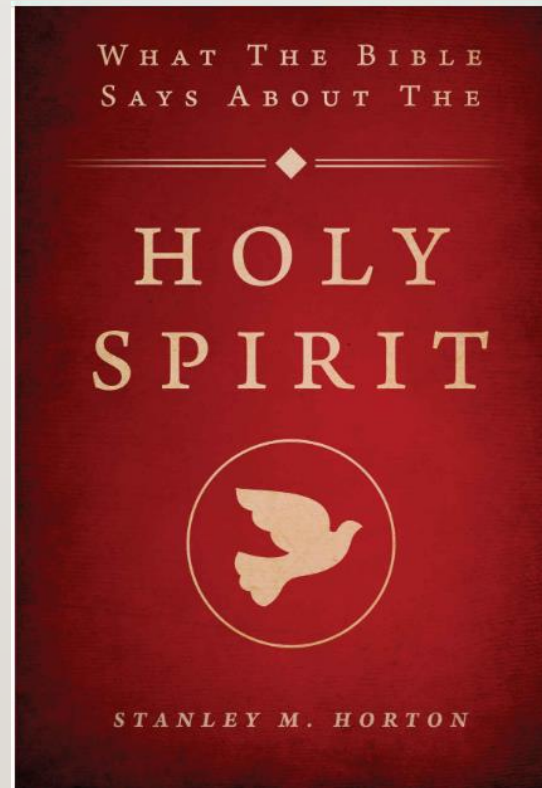
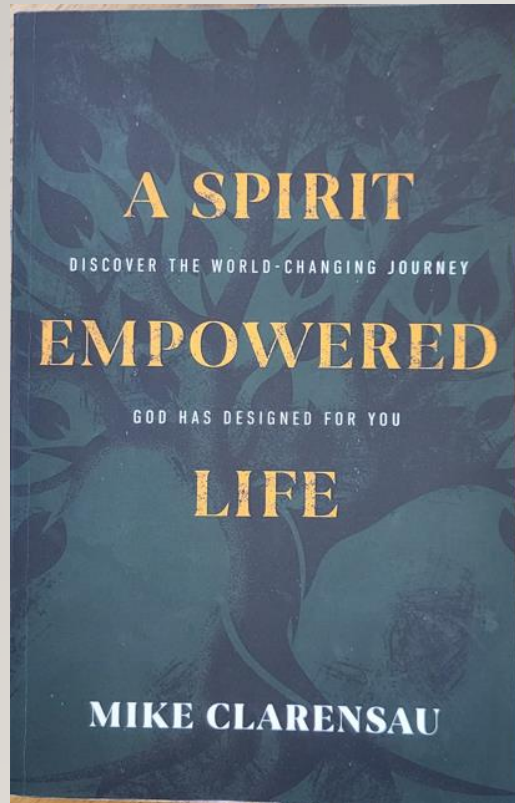
¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and **will be in you**.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

ORIENTATION

- Encourage everyone to take notes and **WRITE DOWN YOUR QUESTIONS** during the teaching segments.
- Write down scripture references related to your questions.
- I can email the notes/slides after class each week.
- Review Syllabus / Schedule (next slide)

Book Recommendations



SCHEDULE

- | • | WEEK | TOPIC |
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| • | Session 1 (5/28) | Laying a Foundation: The Holy Spirit and the Triune God |
| • | Session 2 (6/4) | The Holy Spirit throughout the New Testament |
| • | Session 3 (6/11) | Activating a Supernatural Life |
| • | Session 4 (6/14) | Your Identity in Christ (Saturday 9-11am) |
| • | Session 5 (6/18) | The Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues |

GOALS FOR THIS CLASS

- Give you a more complete picture of how the Holy Spirit is revealed to us in Scripture.
- Broaden your understanding of who He is.
- Learn about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and Tongues.
- Help you learn how to hear and follow the Holy Spirit.
- Help you have daily, personal encounters with the Holy Spirit.

THE NATURE OF GOD

Much of this may feel like review for some of you. That's ok!! It helps to sure up the foundation and establish its biblical footings.



THE NATURE OF GOD – A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR THE TRIUNE GOD

This First Lesson will focus on preparing the proper foundation for that which you will learn in the following lessons.

- It is vital to build on a right foundation, of understanding the biblical view of God as revealed in Scripture, as a Triune Deity.
- If we have wrong ROOTS, we will have wrong FRUITS.



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Understanding the Oneness of God as Revealed in Scripture

- Although the concept of a Triune God defies logic and reason, we must accept it because it is revealed in Scripture ($1 + 1 + 1 = 1$). Martin Luther said “*since it is based on clear Scripture, reason must be silent at this point and we must believe.*” (Heb. 11:6)

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- John's Gospel begins with Trinitarian thoughts *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* (John 1:1) This implies no beginning to Jesus the Word, who was eternally self-existent with the Father from before time began.

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The universe was created by and through Jesus Christ, who is also God, by virtue of his **Creator** status.

- **READ Together:**

- **John 1:3**

- **Col. 1:16-17** – underline this in your bible!!!

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God is both Self-Existent and Eternal

- ***Ps. 90:2*** “Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, ***from everlasting to everlasting*** you are God.
- ***Heb. 11:3*** “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”
 - *ex nihilo (latin)* – out of nothing

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God is both Self-Existent and Eternal

- ***Yahweh*** – appears 6,828 times in OT, most frequent designation of God in the whole bible. Derived from a Hebrew verb that means ‘becoming’ or ‘being present.’ Thus God’s self-disclosure on Mt. Sinai to Moses of “***I am that I am***”
- He is ‘***the present one***’!! Dependent on nothing and/or nobody for his existence.

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God is One

Deut. 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

- The Shema verse may be the most important verse in the OT. The Hebrew word for ‘one’ here is *echad* – indicates compound oneness. We can call to mind Gen. 2:24 “*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife; and the two will become one flesh.*”

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God is ONE

- **James 2:10** “You believe that there is **one** God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder.”
- **Gal. 3:20** “God is **one**.”
- **Mark 12:29** ““The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is **one**...” (Deut. 6:4)

THE PLURALITY OF GOD



THE PLURALITY OF GOD AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE

The first clues to a God of Plurality

- **Gen. 1:1-2** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”
- **God here is *Elohim*** – a form of God that denotes plurality, and typically refers to more than two. 2300 uses in OT.

THE PLURALITY OF GOD AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE

The first clues to a God of Plurality

- **Gen. 1:26** “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”



THE PLURALITY OF GOD AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE

Other clues to a God of Plurality

- **Christ's Baptism** perhaps gives us the best display of the simultaneous presence of all three members of the Triune God, thereby distinguishing God from existing in three different 'modes' but rather in three distinct 'persons'
- **READ Together: Matt. 3:16-17**

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Other clues to a God of Plurality

- The Resurrection also gives us a picture of the joint workings of all members of the Triune God (the Trinity):
 - The Father as the resurrecting agent – Rom. 1:4
 - Jesus resurrecting himself – John 2:19-21
 - The Holy Spirit as the resurrecting agent – Rom. 8:11

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Illustrating the Triune God

- Understanding how the nature of man *reflects* the nature of God
- Gen. 1:27 – made in HIS image!



THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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Consider a Few Aspects:

- Spoken of in Parallel Fashion with the Father and the Son
 - Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14, Eph. 4:4-6, 1 Cor. 12:4-6
- He is Eternal – **Heb. 9:14** (he was not created)
- He is Creator – Gen. 1:1-2, Job 33:4, Ps. 104:30
- He is Powerful – Rom. 15:19

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MORE...

- **He is the Resurrecting Agent** – Rom. 8:11
- **He is called God** – Acts 5:3-4, 2 Cor. 3:15-17
- **He is Omnipresent** – Ps. 139:7-10
- **He is all-knowing** – 1 Cor. 2:10-11
- **He gives Life** – 2 Cor. 3:6
- **He knows the future** – 1 Sam. 10:10, 19:20, Luke 1:67, 2 Peter 1:21

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BOTTOM LINE:

- The clear teaching of Scripture reveals the Holy Spirit as equally self-existent and possessing the same **divine nature** as the Father and the Son.
- He was not the first of God's creations, but rather co-existent with the Father and the Son from eternity past, and was equally involved in the act of creation.
- ***God the Holy Spirit***

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What questions do you have about the **nature** of the Triune God, and about the Person and Deity of the Holy Spirit?

- **NOTE:** If your questions are answered by the content of future lessons, we will postpone discussion until that week.

