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Is the Holy Spirit a thing or a being and if so, is it a 3rd member in a trinity? Does the Bible provide us with clear answers to these questions which up to now have remained a mystery that the faithful must believe on faith? Let's examine what information is given us in the Bible that can help us to clarify this question.

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Before going on with this study, it is essential to clarify the terminology that will be used when speaking of what the Bible calls variously, the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of truth. The way words are used, and which words are used play a critical role in how you, the reader, understand what is written.

In the Bible, the practice is to capitalize the words “holy” and “spirit” because it was considered by those who translated the Bible that there existed a 3rd being in the Godhead, the “Holy Spirit.” But, as will be demonstrated in this study, the words “holy” and “spirit” are attributes or characteristics that God and the Word have: they are both “holy” and “spirit” or in other words, they are both holy spirit beings. We therefore have the holy spirit being called God and the holy spirit being called the Word.

The Bible as we will see very clearly tells us, if we will accept the plain and simple to understand words of John 1:1, that in the beginning before anything else existed there were only 2 beings in existence with one of them being called God and the other one being called the Word. It will also be shown that the Word who became Christ is before all things (Col 1:17) and that by him all things consist (Col 1:17) i.e., **He existed with God before anything was created.** He created **all things** and **all things** are maintained in existence by Him, by the word of His power (Heb 1:3). We’ll review all of these verses later in this study.

The Word is also the Spirit of truth that dwells and works in the minds of all true Christians (John 14:17). There is no mention in John 1:1-2 of the existence in the beginning of a 3rd being who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word, and who is called the “Holy Spirit.” The pre-existence of a third personage in the Godhead who dwelt with God and the Word in eternity would have been clearly mentioned in John 1:1-2 or in some other similar verses but there are no such verses in your entire Bible.

Books written by men about the Bible such as Bible commentaries, lexicons and dictionaries cannot ever be the source of truth for a true Christian. God’s spiritual truth is not knowable by scholarly studies; it can only be known by revelation from God to those to whom He has chosen to do so. The greatest minds that have existed in the history of mankind have never been capable of explaining the mysteries of the ages contained in the Bible but which are freely given to know by God to His elect. (Mat 13:11; Luke 8:10; 1 Cor 2:12)

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you [God’s called and chosen ones]** to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Luk 8:10 And he said, **Unto you [God’s called and chosen ones]** it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

1Co 2:12 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.

Some may want to point to 1Jn5:8, which is a verse that was put in by translators but which is not part of the original New Testament text of the Bible kept without changes by the Greeks.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

From this verse, men have assumed the existence of the trinity. Based on the single phrase, “**.... these three agree in one**” a whole doctrine of the Holy Spirit as the 3rd being in the Godhead has been developed and is one of the major beliefs of the many brands of mainstream

Christianity for whom the trinity is a mystery that believers must accept on faith. Faith to them is believing something that cannot be understood using human logic while the Bible defines faith as the “substance of things not seen”

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is believing the spiritual truth of God which cannot be perceived by any of man's 5 physical senses; it can only be known by revelation from God's mind to the mind of His called and chosen ones. Faith is not believing something that cannot be explained with the human mind such as 3 beings in one.

There are no Bible verses that corroborate or explain the enigmatic words of 1Jn5:8. The Bible explains its own symbols and hard to understand verses are made clear by other verses once the necessary links can be made which is by revelation from God.

Be it as it may, even if we were to take this spurious verse at its face value, the mere fact that 3 things agree in one is not proof of the existence of either a separate and distinct entity in the Godhead called the Holy Spirit or that God exists as 3 beings in 1. As we will see, it is quite easy to demonstrate the falsity of such a belief from very clear and easy to understand verses. And, as we will also see, a very great number of beings can “agree in one” with each one of them continuing to be separate and distinct beings with their own ability to think and freedom to choose. It happens all the time among human beings but more to come on this.

It will be shown that the holy spirit being that works in the minds of the truly converted is the Word who is the holy spirit God the Father's Spokesman. Why would the Word be called the Spokesman i.e., someone who speaks on behalf of another, in this instance for God, if there is another being in the Godhead who has that role?

So, the difficulty arises of finding and using a name or expression that accurately describes the work of the Word as God's Spokesman to God's called out and chosen ones. Is there a short-form expression that we can use that makes it clear that the holy spirit being that makes it possible for the truly converted to understand God's spiritual truth is the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman and the holy spirit God the Father is the one who calls men to salvation? God the Father calls men to salvation and God the Word and Spokesman, teaches them all things; working to-

gether they make salvation possible. And, both are separate and distinct beings in the Godhead with their own minds and will. They are not 2 beings in 1 and even less, 3 beings in one.

They are 2 separate and distinct beings who are one in the way salvation is to be made possible for mankind and by God the Word being in perfect and willing submission to God the Father.

Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

What they have to agree on is that one is to lead and the other one is to follow; otherwise, they will not continue walking together.

They are 2 separate and distinct beings who are of exactly the same mind when it comes to the way of bringing salvation to mankind; they are one in that respect, but they are certainly also individuals who are not one in everything they like or dislike, enjoy or not enjoy, and this for an infinity of things. Their oneness is not physical (2 beings in one body); it is spiritual, one agrees with the other with the main point of agreement being that one is to willingly accept to be led by the other when necessary. Understanding this allows us to understand how 3, 5, 20 different people can be one and still retain their individuality.

A physical example of this would be the members of an army who are one in the mission they are to accomplish but who otherwise continue to be individuals with their own minds, thoughts, ideas, tastes, etc.

The spirit bodies of God and the Word are not bound to each other nor are their minds, and we will clearly demonstrate this as this study progresses. Being in agreement with another over a number of things, in this case the salvation process for mankind, does not mean either God or the Word don't have their own thoughts and ideas about other matters. More to come on this in this study.

I'm already overlong in my introduction to this topic so I will stop myself here.

Words Words Words

Let's allow ourselves to be guided by the Bible in determining what is the most accurate and clearest way of talking about what the translators of the Bible have called the "Holy Spirit." In the book of John we are given to know that the Word who was made flesh and dwelt with the disciples for 3 ½ years, called Himself the "Spirit of truth" which the

world i.e., the unconverted cannot receive or whose existence it cannot accept as it cannot see him or know him but Jesus tells His disciples that they know who is the Spirit of truth because he presently dwells with them i.e., Himself, the Word made flesh.

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye [the disciples] know him; for he [I, Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

This expression is accurate and Biblical and is Christ calling Himself the “Spirit of truth” who dwelt **with** the disciples and who would also be **in** them in the future; “.... and shall be in you....” (John 14:17) on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2, the story of the first NT Pentecost) after Jesus’ glorification (John 7:39).

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him [those called and chosen by God the Father] should receive: for the Holy Ghost [spirit] was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Those who followed Christ and believed on Him (Acts 1:15) could not receive the Spirit because Jesus was not then yet glorified. Christ is the Spirit who would be given to them after His death, glorification and ascension to His Father.

Act 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

In John 16:13 we also read of Jesus, the Word made flesh, talking about the Spirit of truth that when he comes or is given to them (on the Day of Pentecost), he will guide them into all truth.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he [Jesus, the Word made flesh and God's Spokesman], the Spirit of truth, is come, [it would come the disciples on the day of Pentecost and to all true Christians throughout the ages] he [the resurrected and glorified Christ] will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [from God the Father] that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

So, in this study as well as in all my previous studies, which I have had to revise, the expressions God’s Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and the

Holy Ghost will be made more precise by spelling out which member of the God family is involved. When the holy spirit speaking or acting is God the Father, the wording used to make things clear to the reader will be, the holy spirit God the Father. When it is the Word, the Spokesman or the Logos, the wording used will be, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman. Using the expression "Holy Spirit" without specifying which holy spirit of the God family is acting, would continue creating confusion in the reader's mind by giving him the impression that there exists a third being in the God family called the "Holy Spirit."

Does it all seem a bit complicated and hard to believe?

Let's embark on a detailed study of the beings that the Bible refers to as the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of God using the Holy Bible as our criterion of truth and not the words of learned but uninspired men for whom the truth of God is foolishness? The Holy Bible is the Word of God and is the only means that we have of knowing about spiritual things or things of the spirit world which are impossible for men to feel, touch, smell, taste, hear or see and who therefore cannot know or accept that they exist.

Let's now examine our Bibles with an open mind and make an effort to keep our prejudices in check and allow the Bible speak to us.

God and the Word

Let's start at the very beginning before even the creation of the universe and of the earth.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Before anything existed, there was a being called the Word and this being was with another being called God and, the Word was also God i.e., He was a second spirit being with the very same kind of existence and powers as God. These 2 spirit beings had the same nature, they were both God beings.

And, as we read in John 1:3, all things were created by the second God being called the Word.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, in Colossians 1:17 we read that the Word existed before anything that was created.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

He is before all things and He is the power by which all things are kept in existence, “by him are all things.”

What else do the Scriptures tell us about the Word?

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Word made flesh was Jesus Christ. He was then the only begotten of God. God then became a Father and Mary became the mother of Jesus which in Luke 1:35 is called the Son of God.

Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, [the holy spirit God the Father] and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: [and by the abilities/capabilities/power of the holy spirit called God who through the Word created the universe and man, the human woman Mary became pregnant with Jesus] therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee

Christ was the first begotten son of God but He was not to be the only one.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Christ is the firstborn among many brethren that are also to be begotten as He was begotten i.e., by the holy spirit God the Father. Jesus was both begotten i.e., conceived in Mary's womb by the holy spirit God the Father and after having spent several months in Mary's womb (the typical human gestation period is 9 months) He was born fully a human being. Also, Jesus from the moment of His conception had the fullness of the spirit i.e., He was fully God.

Joh 3:34 For he [Christ] whom God [the Father] hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

The Word who is a God being and who was with God, another God being, was made flesh and dwelt among men. In the Book of Philippians we learn that Christ Jesus was God, that He was made in the likeness of men and died on the cross.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

What was the mind that was in Jesus? It was the mind of the Word who had eternally existed with God. This is how Christ could be fully man and fully God. His consciousness was in the body of the human being called Jesus of Nazareth.

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [Christ or the Word was a God being in the very same way that God was God. This is why the Scriptures say that it was not taking anything away from God for Christ to think He was equal to God. He was not robbing God of anything by saying He, Christ was equal with God.]

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness [physical appearance] of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient [to God the Father] unto death, even the death of the cross.

The Word who became Christ is the God being who created all things. He existed before all things i.e., before anything was created; He is “..... before all things” (Col 1:17)

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And how did He create all things?

Psa 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Psa 33:7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Psa 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Psa 33:9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Word created the universe by the breath of his mouth which is to say, He simply spoke it and it was done.

But what about the “Holy Spirit” for which there are no verses telling us that he or it was with God in the beginning, had existed before all things were created, and had participated in the creation of the universe and of man. When and where did it or he come from?

The Comforter

In the Book of John we read about something called the Comforter.

Joh 14:16 And I [Christ] will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [the Comforter that was then with them was Christ]

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world [the unconverted] cannot receive, because it seeth him not, [The unconverted cannot “see” the resurrected Christ who is spirit; the Comforter and the Spirit of Truth who manifests Himself only to God the Father’s called and chosen ones.] neither knoweth him: but ye [the disciples] know him; for he [I, Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [Christ, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth who dwelt with the disciples for 3 ½ years would later be in them after His glorification (John 7:39)]

Joh 14:18 I [Christ] will not leave you [the disciples and all true Christians] comfortless: I [Christ] will come to you. [Christ is the Comforter of God’s called and chosen ones.]

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, [will be resurrected after His death on the stake and come to them as the Comforter] ye shall live also. [by a resurrection from the dead at Christ’s 2nd Coming as Christ was resurrected by God the Father]

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. [God’s Church is a spiritual organism or entity not an organization of men.]

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, [spirit] whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Comforter is the holy spirit the Word who became the man Christ, who the holy spirit God the Father sends to His called and chosen ones (John 17:6; 9; 11-12; 24) to teach them all things. The glorified Christ is the means by which God’s called and chosen ones can read and correctly understand the spiritual truths of the Bible.

John 14:17-18 are probably the most significant and important verses of the Bible when it comes to explaining who is the “Holy Spirit.” Christ told the disciples that they knew the Spirit of truth because that Spirit dwelt with them i.e., it was with them and had been teaching them since their calling. That Spirit of truth was Christ who was God in the flesh.

The Spirit of truth was with them and after Christ’s glorification (John 7:39) and ascension to His Father it would be in them (last part of John 14:17). Christ says He would not leave them comfortless; He would come to them (John 14:18). Christ is the Comforter that would come to them after His ascension to His Father. He would come to them and all true Christians until the end of God’s plan of salvation for mankind.

Christ, God the Father’s Spokesman, is the Comforter or the God being that is holy and spirit that dwells in true Christians (last part of John 14:17). He is the Comforter that God the Father sends to all true and faithful Christians.

Could anything be any clearer?

Let’s continue; there are other Scriptures which further support that Christ is the Comforter or holy spirit being that works in the minds of the truly converted. Note that I am not capitalizing the words “holy” and “spirit” as they are adjectives or qualifiers of God the Father and Christ, the Son of God. God is holy (John 17:11) and spirit (John 4:24) and the Word or Spokesman who became Jesus Christ is holy (Act 4:27; Mat 1:24) and spirit (Ph 2: 6-7). So, we then have 2 holy spirit beings: the holy spirit God and the holy spirit the Word.

There is no mention whatsoever in the Bible of a stand-alone, separate and distinct God personage called “the” Holy Spirit that existed **before** all things **with** God and the Word. It is only toward the end of Christ’s ministry that we read about something called the “Comforter” which as we have just shown, is the holy spirit God the Word after His resurrection and glorification after having become a man and dying on the stake as God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

Why?

The Comforter could only come after the glorification of Christ which was to occur when God the Father resurrected Him after His death on the stake (John 7:39).

Something worth repeating here is that the holy spirit God the Word and

Spokesman, the spirit that those who believed Christ would receive, could not come before Christ had been glorified and gone back to His Father. In John 7: 37-39 we read that the Spirit was not yet given at the time when Christ attended His Last Great Day celebration because He had not yet been glorified.

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 7:38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost **[the holy spirit God the Word]** was not yet given; **cause that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)

Why is it that Christ first had to be glorified and have returned to His Father before the “Holy Spirit” could be made available to men or be “given” as stated in John 7:39?

Because Jesus was the holy spirit being called God the Word, the Logos, and the Spokesman who in the beginning dwelt in eternity with God and is the God personage through which the holy spirit God the Father speaks to men i.e., when they are called and chosen. (Heb 1: 1-2) The holy spirit God the Father starts off the process by being the one who calls men out of the world (John 6:44; 65) and, if they accept their calling and become chosen, then it is the holy spirit God the Word that continues the process of showing them more truth from the pages of God’s Holy Bible (John 6:39; 14:26).

This explains why ancient Israel though chosen by God could never have in their minds the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman making it possible for them to understand God’s spiritual truth.

Whether it be the holy spirit God the Father’s or the holy spirit God the Word, it is always the same spirit as God and the Word are one in that the Word is in perfect submission to God the Father and agrees with the Father in all things regarding the administration of God’s plan of salvation for mankind. God the Father and the Word are spirit beings and are holy. They are both holy spirits who, though they are one in how salvation is to be made possible for mankind, they remain separate and distinct beings.

Their oneness is that the Word fully agrees with God's plan of salvation for mankind and He is in perfect submission to the Father.

The two are as one but are not one in that neither one is mentally nor otherwise tied to the other. They are two separate and distinct beings with their own minds and spirit composed bodies in the same way that human beings made according to their image and in their likeness are all separate and distinct beings with their own bodies and minds and sharing in the very same human nature. The manner of existence of men created in the image (have mind power and freewill) and according to the likeness (physical appearance; John 14:9) of God allow us to understand the manner of existence of God and the Word.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The reason for there being a need for the Comforter or the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman to come to members of God the Father's New Testament Church is that He is the spirit of truth which the disciples as well as all other true Christians would need once Christ would no longer be physically present with them. Christ ascended back to His Father at the end of His ministry. The Comforter would come and bring all things Christ had taught them to their remembrance and **it would teach them all things i.e., them and all those God would call on and after the Day of Pentecost.**(John 14:26)

Here I again quote John 14:16-20 as I think it makes it easier for the reader if he has the verses before him to understand the explanations being given. Read these verses all over again keeping in mind the explanations given so far.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I [Christ] will come to you.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

And in John 16:7 we learn that this Comforter would not come to them unless Christ after His resurrection from the dead, went back to God the Father:

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; **It is expedient for you that I go away**: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

The Comforter is something that Christ will send unto them and it is also something that comes from or proceeds from the Father (John 15:26).

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Both Christ and the Father play a role in the conversion process. The Father is the one that spiritually begets men by calling them; He is the holy spirit being that does this first part of the salvation process. One must first be begotten. So the spirit of truth (John 14:17) i.e., that will reveal spiritual truth to men which is otherwise impossible for men to know first occurs through the holy spirit God. Then, the holy spirit which is God's Spokesman, the one that became Christ and was resurrected to God level existence, is the one that will teach all things to those who after having been called have been chosen because they committed themselves to obeying God to the best of their abilities in all things for the rest of their human lives. The holy spirit called the Spokesman will teach truly converted Christians "all things." (John 14:26)

God and the Word are Holy and Spirit

We know that God is a spirit being as per John 4:24.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

This verse makes it clear that the Word who became Christ is a spirit being. We also know that Christ upon His resurrection from the dead was glorified with the glory He had before the creation of the universe i.e., He would again be the God personage called the Word who dwelt in eternity with God as He was before becoming a man.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

After Christ's ascension to His Father there then existed God the Father who begat Christ and the Word who became Jesus Christ with there being no mention anywhere in the Bible of a third being having ever existed with them. Yet, Christ said He would send the Comforter to His disciples.

So, how would that occur?

The Bible tells us that in the last days i.e., since Christ's First Coming, God has spoken to true Christians through His Son and not by prophets (Heb 1:1-2). In OT times, God sent prophets who are men who under inspiration spoke to Israel on God's behalf and some of whom also recorded God's words in the Bible. Since the ascension of Christ, the world has been living in the last days of God's plan of salvation which is to last 7,000 years with a prophetic day being 1,000 years in fulfillment. We are now almost at the end of the 6th day of God's Plan of Salvation.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners speak in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

God the Father since the Day of Pentecost speaks directly by His Son, Jesus-Christ to His spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church. There are no more prophets to come that will add to God's Bible or who will speak to the physical nation of Israel. God the Father now speaks to true Chris-

tians who constitute God's spiritual nation of Israel through His Son. He is the holy spirit that works in the minds of the truly converted in a similar way that Satan is the spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience. The Two Witnesses that are yet to come during the Great Tribulation are not sent to God's Church. Their prophesying will anger the nations of the world who will rejoice over their death (Rev 11:5-12).

How is the holy spirit the Word and Spokesman speaking to the truly converted Christians.

Let Us Reason Together

God and the Word have always existed, both are God beings i.e., they fully share in the same nature as for example is the case for all human beings. And, as is the case for all human beings, though they all share fully in the same nature, they are not one being or entity; they are all different and distinct beings. In the same manner, God and the Word who are both holy spirit God beings are also two separate and distinct beings. Holiness is a God-level characteristic which is only possessed by God and the Word. They are both fully God beings who are holy, composed of spirit and immortal. When the Word became a man, He was not still with God and when He died on the stake, God did not die with Him. When Christ prayed to His Father, He was not talking to Himself.

Then God and the Word are both holy spirits; however, only one of them is the Word or Spokesman i.e., the one through whom God the Father speaks to truly converted Christians as we have just read in Heb 1:2 and this, since the foundation of His New Testament Church on the Day of Pentecost . You will recall that on the Day of Pentecost, the holy spirit the Word, the Comforter came to dwell in the minds of the disciples and in Acts 2:38-39 we learn that it would also dwell with as many as God the Father shall call.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Christ as the Word or Spokesman is the holy spirit through which God speaks to truly converted Christians. This is why Jesus told His disci-

ples that He had to go away i.e., go back to God the Father so that the Comforter which proceeds from the Father and which He would send could then come to them (John 16:7). *He had to return to His Father so the Father could send Him, Christ returned to His glorified state as the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, to His (God the Father's) called and chosen ones.*

How can we know that the Holy Spirit is not a third personage in the God family?

The Spirit that Works in the Children of Disobedience

In the Bible we learn about Lucifer who rebelled against God and who became Satan the Devil. We also learn that the unconverted are referred to by Paul as being the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

And in this verse, we also learn that the prince of the power of the air is the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience i.e., Satan is the evil spirit who is influencing the minds of those who have been called and of those who yet to be called by God. Notice that this is not saying that the “evil spirit” is a separate and distinct being from Satan and that it, separately and on its own, goes about influencing the minds of those who are disobeying God.

And there is nothing said in the Bible that Satan is a duality and that he and the evil spirit constitute the Satanic duality. The traditional false Christian religions of this world which argue that God is a trinity has never stated or maintained that Satan is a duality made up of Satan and the evil spirit. Yet, Satan is a spirit being and his spirit is evil and therefore using the same reasoning used for God and the Word, Satan would be a duality but they have never ever said anything of the sort.

If Satan whose spirit is evil is not a duality made up of Satan and of a separate and distinct being called the “evil spirit” then it does not make any sense to say that God and the Word are a trinity because it is assumed the holy spirit is a separate and distinct being that lives with them with no biblical verses in support of this assumption.

Let Us Reason Some More

If Satan and the “evil spirit” are not two separate and distinct entities living as one being in a duality and that Satan is said to deceive the whole world (Rev 12:9) and to be the spirit that works in the children of disobedience (Eph 2:2) then it stands to reason that God the Father through God the Word is the holy spirit that works in the mind of those who have been called and chosen and that the “holy spirit” like the “evil spirit” is not a separate and distinct, stand-alone entity existing in God’s family.

Satan influences unconverted mankind’s mind by his spirit which is evil and God the Father through God the Word who is God the Father’s Spokesman influences the minds of the converted by His spirit which is holy. He does so by dwelling in the minds of the converted in the same manner that Satan dwells in the minds of the unconverted.

The Bible tells us that God and the Word are the only two beings that were in existence at the beginning before anything was created and that God through the Word created all things.

Col 1:13 Who [God the Father] hath delivered us [truly converted Christians] from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of **his dear Son**:

Col 1:14 In whom [his dear son] we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who [his dear Son] is the image [same kind of mind] of the invisible God, the firstborn [into God’s Kingdom as a human being resurrected from the dead] of every creature: [of everyone of God’s spiritual creation, those called, chosen and faithful are God’s spiritual creation; a new creature in Christ (2Co 5:17).]

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word] were **all things** created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created **by** him, **and for** him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, [He existed before anything was created] and by him [through His power] all things consist. [were created and are being maintained in existence (Heb 1:3)]

The Word is before all things that were created i.e., before Him there were

no other beings in existence except God the Father. In the Bible we read about the creation of Lucifer and of the angels but nowhere do we read about the creation or of the pre-existence of a 3rd being called the Holy Spirit dwelling with God and the Word before anything had been created.

Christ is before all things i.e., existed with God before anything was created (Col 1:17) and, this is very important to understand: “....**by him all things consist....**” In other words, all things created were created by Christ, are a product of the mind of Christ who is the Word made flesh who eternally existed with God, and all things created are kept in existence by the power of the Word; “....**by him all things consist....**” The Word created and sustains the existence of all things.

How can we know for sure the meaning of “....**by him all things consist....**”?

If we turn to Heb 1:1-3 we get the following amazing information.

Heb 1:1 **God, [the Father]** who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers **[of the nation of Israel]** by the prophets,

In OT times God spoke to OT prophets through the Word, God’s Spokesman as indicated Numbers 12:6:

Num 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.

Now continuing with Heb 1:2-3 we see that God says that:

Heb 1:2 **[God the Father]** Hath in these last days **[since the glorification and ascension of Christ and starting on the Day of Pentecost]** spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Heb 1:3 Who **[the Word]** being the brightness of *his* **[God's]** glory, and the express **[the very same]** image **[is a God being like God]** of his **[God's]** person, and **[the Word]** **upholding all things by the word of his [the Word's] power**, when he **[the Word]** had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The Word upholds all things by the word of His power or in other words, the Word created all things and maintains them in existence by His power.

The current creation's existence is not something that exists on its own independently from its creator. There is a time coming when it will cease to exist not because of any possible man-made catastrophe but because the Word will cease to maintain it in existence and create a new heaven and a new earth.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord [this is not the Day of the Lord of Rev 8; this is the time when God creates a new heaven and a new earth; Rev 21:1] will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [This "day of the Lord" is referring to the time right after the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Last Great Day when the Lake of Fire burns up the wicked and grows to engulf the universe and burn it up. This is further made plain in the following verse.]

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? [This is the time of Mal 4:1 which occurs after the Great White Throne Judgment; Matt 25:31-46. God then makes all things new; He creates a new heaven and a new earth and this is done by the holy spirit God the Word by whom all things were created.]

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

As we have just seen, the Word is the creator of all things, that He existed eternally with God before anything was created and, that by Him all things consist i.e., have been created and are kept in existence. The dissolution of the current heavens and earth and the creation of the new heaven and of the new earth will be done by the Word. He is the one to whom God has given the role of creator as well as the role of being the Word i.e., the means by which God speaks to His elect. Christ had no message of His own; He only spoke the words or the message given Him by God the Father for those who were to become part of God's Church and be the beginning of God's spiritual nation of Israel on the Day of Pentecost.

Does the Bible anywhere say that God created all things by the power of a 3rd being called the Holy Spirit; that the current universe came into being and exists by the power of the Holy Spirit; that the new heaven and the new earth will be created by the Holy Spirit?

Which verse or verses would that be?

There aren't any.

What is the basis for believing the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct being that has existed forever with God and the Word?

The teachings of this world's mainstream religious groups who do not understand the Bible and who have created their own Christian religion based on their personal ideas which are not supported by the Bible. The word "trinity" cannot be found in the Bible nor are there any verses that would lead us to think that God is a being made up of three persons in one where the Holy Spirit is a third person in the Godhead. You can search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find the word "Trinity."

It is not in the Bible.

The existence of the trinity cannot be found in your Bible if you will believe your Bible; not Bible commentaries which are the writings of unconverted men or the beliefs of the many false Christian religions to which we have all been exposed to a greater or lesser degree.

The Bible is clear that in the beginning before anything was created, there existed only 2 beings: one was God and the other was the Word (John 1:1) and that all things were created by the Word. There is no mention whatsoever anywhere in the Bible that in the beginning, there existed 3 beings with one of them being the Holy Spirit who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word. There are no verses stating that God created all things by the Holy Spirit but the Bible is clear that all things were created by the Word and that God and the Word existed before anything was created with no mention of there ever having been a 3rd immortal being who existed in eternity with them.

In order to understand the truth, it is necessary to let go of ideas drilled into our head when children and raised in different "Christian" religions. You must read the Bible with an open mind and fresh eyes and accept what it clearly says and not let yourself be blinded to the truth by the falsities you have accepted as true before your calling.

Let's continue by examining how does God's holy spirit the Word and Spokesman work in truly converted Christians?

How God Speaks to True Christians

We read in the Bible that there is a spirit in man which at death goes back to God who gave it.

Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

We also learn that this spirit in man plays a role in man like that of the holy spirits of the God family i.e., God the Father and the Word.

1Co 2:11 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.

God's truth which comes from a spirit being and, which is therefore spiritual, has never been known by any man but by the holy spirits of the God family revealing it to him. And how do the holy spirits of the God family reveal to converted men the things of God?

God's truth is revealed by the holy spirits of the God family to converted men in the same way that the spirit of man makes it possible for men to know and understand the things of men. Men understand the things of other men because they all have the same spirit in them, the human spirit. In the same way when the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word dwells in men, men's minds become able to know and understand God's spiritual truth. God and the Word can then share their thoughts with men and give them understanding of their God level spiritual truth.

In today's world we could say that having the holy spirits of the God family added to our mind is like having a new program added to a computer which gives it new functionality. Our mind becomes able to know and understand God's spiritual truth where before it was impossible for it to do so. Without this new ability added to our minds, we are like the unconverted or the natural man; we are unable to know or understand correctly God's truth contained in the Holy Bible; not only do we not understand it correctly, it is all foolishness to us.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for **they are foolishness unto him:** neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The natural man is the unconverted man who has not had the holy spirits

of the God family added to his mind and who is incapable of understanding correctly God's Holy Bible.

How Do God and the Word Dwell in Men?

When Christ was on the earth He told His disciples that the Father dwelt in Him as He dwelt in the Father. As we all know that did not mean that on a physical-material basis Christ was in the Father and the Father in Christ but rather that God the Father who is a spirit being was in the mind of Christ and vice versa.

How can that be possible?

It is somewhat like when we say that my parents' spirit lives on in me because I conduct my life in accordance with the training they have given me. The way I act is like they would act if they were confronting the same situations. My father and mother could have been dead for several years but still their spirit lives on in their obedient children who live their lives according to the training received from them.

God and the Word dwelling in converted men's minds enables them to understand God's truth contained in the Holy Bible and when they live their lives accordingly, they are being led by God's Holy Spirit. When they do this, God and the Word's spirit are in them in somewhat the same way that parents' teachings remain with their obedient children even when they are no longer physically present in their lives.

Christ was no longer with God the Father; He was on the earth as a man but He still thought and acted the very same way as His Father would if He were on the earth. God the Father and the Word are of the same mind; they both see everything in exactly the same way with respect to the administration of God's plan of salvation for mankind.

Truly converted Christians as they grow in knowledge and understanding and seek to apply it to their lives are then of the very same spirit as God the Father and Christ. Christ acted as His Father would have acted when He was on the earth and truly converted Christians conduct themselves to the best of their abilities as Christ did. When they do this; Christians, Christ and God the Father all then share in the same spirit.

God the Father was in Christ as Christ was in the Father and truly converted Christians are in Christ and God the Father, not physically of course, but spiritually in that though being separate and distinct individuals with their own minds, they nevertheless believe the same

things and live their lives according to the same knowledge and principles.

If human beings could live their lives perfectly in accordance with God's perfect law then they would be perfectly in God and Christ as Christ and God are in each other's minds; again NOT physically but spiritually. Truly converted Christians strive to think and act like God and in this way the mind or spirit of Christ and God the Father is in them.

Php 2:5 Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

The Bible talks about the mind, the knowledge and understanding of God's law, being in true Christians as it was fully in Christ who was in perfect obedience to His Father. Our obedience to God's law to the best of our abilities results in us having in us (imperfectly while human beings but perfectly in the resurrection) the mind of Christ which is also the mind of God i.e., God and the Word are of the same mind and the Word is in perfect submission to His Father. Christ is then in us as well as God the Father who is in Christ.

God and the Word, Individuals

Though the Word is in perfect submission to His Father, this does not mean that the Word has no mind of His own and that His thoughts, actions and emotions are under the control of God the Father. If this were so, the Word would be like a robot with no ability to have personal likes and dislikes, and personal interests. He would have no personality, and no individuality; He would not be a separate and distinct being with mind power, and the freedom to think.

Yet, God created man with the potential to become a God being by a resurrection from the dead. He has also given him mind power and the absolute freedom to make decisions as well as varied and different ways of feeling and expressing emotions. This was done for the very purpose of having men be individuals who have personalities who are as different and varied as they are people. Men are made in the image (have similar minds) and in the likeness (similar appearance) of God.

As we have been examining, God and the Word are 2 separate and distinct beings who exist independently one from the other. In other words, God's existence does not depend on the Word and vice versa. They both have immortality dwelling in them and they both have their own minds and independent ability to think their own thoughts in the same way they have given these very same abilities to men.

The Word who became the son of God is in perfect agreement (is one) with God's plan of redemption for mankind. He even voluntarily became a man born of woman subject to the second death for the purpose of living a perfect sinless life and suffering and dying on the stake to become God's perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind. And, God and the Word walk together because the Word has voluntarily agreed to obey God in the same manner a woman upon becoming married self-willingly submits to her husband so the 2 can become one.

In this way, though being 2 separate and distinct beings with their own minds and freedom to think and choose, they are one by the wife freely deciding to agree (be one) to be led by her husband. This is also how Christians by knowingly, voluntarily and freely agreeing to be led by the holy spirits of the God family are one with God and the Word. .

Women are no less individuals and do not lose their freedom to think or their personalities for being under the leadership of either or both God and their husbands. There remains a very large and varied number of situations where one's personal ability to think and make decisions can be exercised without destroying the oneness that is to exist in marriage or in God's Kingdom as glorified spirit beings. Being one with another does not presuppose the elimination of all freedom to think and make decisions, to have different likes and dislikes, to enjoy certain foods and not others or, to love certain activities and not others.

If in God's kingdom men as glorified spirit beings lose their ability to think and their freedom to choose in those matters that do not nullify the authority of God, then God's kingdom will be made up of beings who are like robots and computers whose actions are totally controlled by the programming of their creator. The problem with this mode of existence would be that God and the Word though being surrounded with many other spirit beings would still be as alone as a man sitting in a room surrounded by computers he has programmed.

God wants other beings like Himself to be part of His kingdom; beings who have mind power, the freedom to think and the ability to spontaneously generate fresh and new thoughts based on their individual personalities and their experience and growth in knowledge of their environment.

You can't have a fun and interesting conversation with a robot nor can you have human level interactions with it. Its response after a while all become predictable and boring. We find others interesting because of the different and unique ideas, viewpoints, personal tastes, etc. that they have

and about which we can have interesting conversations, share personal experiences and feelings, discuss different points of views, etc. which are all abilities provided to human beings by God to men made in their image and according to their likeness i.e., according to their own Godly nature.

God and the Word and those that will be making up their Kingdom will be one in that all will always agree to be subject to God's authority but there will be a very great number of opportunities, domains, areas, and topics for them to exercise their mind power and their freedom to decide.

Men in the resurrection will be restored through the spirit in man that returns to God at the time of death, to be the same persons physically, mentally and emotionally that they were while flesh-and-blood human beings but without any of the shortcomings and weaknesses they had as human beings.

The spirit in man will have faithfully recorded all of who they were while mortal human beings with the big difference that as God beings with God's very nature they will no longer sin i.e., they will have perfect self-control.

1Jn 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God [as a glorified spirit being no longer human and mortal] sinneth not; but he that is begotten [not yet born] of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

God's kingdom will not be made up of automatons without mind power, individuality, personality or freedom to make decisions. The whole purpose of God's plan of salvation for mankind is as a means to reproduce Himself. Men in the resurrection will have the same nature, kind of mind and ability to think as do God and the Word and they will maintain their personalities and individualities as God and the Word are individual, autonomous, free thinking holy spirit persons.

God's glorified saints, once having become holy spirit God beings, will always remain under the authority of God as the Word does. Their human attitude of obedience to God in all things which was imperfect while a human being will be perfect and permanent in the resurrection as part of their spirit character but they will not lose their individuality and personalities. They will be separate and distinct beings from each other and from God and the Word as are God and the Word, in whose images and likeness they are made.

Understanding Spiritual Truth

Man's animal brain has mind power because of a spirit essence God placed in it i.e., the human spirit. This mind power gives man the ability to acquire vast amounts of knowledge and to think. This human spirit, like the presence of the holy spirit God the Father and God the Word in men's minds, is not an integral part of man. This presence is something like a marble that is swallowed; it is in the man but is not part of him. The human spirit is present in men's minds but it does not think for the man, it merely give man's animal brain the ability to think. It is not something which has its own mind and which actively directs and intervenes in the thought processes of men's minds. It simply gives man's animal brain the ability to think and man then does his own thinking.

In a similar fashion, the holy spirit God the Word can be added to men's animal brain to give men's minds the ability to know and correctly understand God's spiritual truth contained and found only in God's Holy Bible. The holy spirit God the Word like the spirit in man does not do the thinking for man nor does it pour knowledge and understanding of God's spiritual truth in men's mind without any effort being required on their part.

The addition of the holy spirit God the Word to their human mind simply makes it possible for them to understand God's spiritual truth. But, truly converted Christians must then study the Word of God, the Holy Bible which is Christ in writing, to gradually acquire more and more of God's truth i.e., a knowledge and understanding of the way God thinks or of God's minds. At the risk of stating the obvious, Christ nor angels will appear to you in dreams and visions or in a humanly visible and non-scary manner to teach you the truth.

Christ clearly and plainly stated that the Comforter which is the Spirit of truth, Himself after His glorification (John 7:39) would teach the disciples all things but not only them.

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter , which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) [The glorified Christ returned to His former glory as the Word who dwelt in eternity with God, is the holy spirit being called the Spirit of the Truth and the Comforter that would dwell in all the holy spirit God the Father's called and chosen ones.]

As stated in Acts 2:38-39, the promise of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit [the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman] is to as many as God [the holy spirit God the Father] will call and this, until the end of the Last Great Day.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman's presence in your mind makes it possible for you to study your Bible and understand it correctly. But, you have to make the effort to get it from your Bible; no one else can do it for you. Christians are rewarded according to their works; not the works of others and Christians must have works. God since the day of Pentecost has been teaching the truly converted through His Son, the holy spirit being that works in the minds of the truly converted.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Now one last point of importance before I close off this study.

Man Made According to the Likeness of God

We read in the Bible that when God created mankind they did so in the following way:

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the

sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

God said “.....Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness.....” which clearly indicates that God consists of more than one being. Other verses like John 1:1 which we have already read, make it clear that they are separate and distinct beings?

If we want to know what God looks like then all we have to do is look at men who are created in their likeness i.e., according to their physical appearance. Man was also created in their image i.e., with mind power which no other animal created by God has.

How can we know for sure that God looks like men?

Joh 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Joh 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

The Father looks like Christ the man in physical appearance and both the Word who became Christ and God the Father look like men who are created according to their likeness.

And what do men look like?

Do we routinely and commonly see men with bodies on which there are two heads or how about two bodies and two heads joined together? Has anyone ever seen a human being with a body on which there are 3 heads or 2 conjoined bodies on which there are 3 heads? There are very rare instances of conjoined twins but I don't think there have ever been any conjoined triplets. And, when conjoined twins occur they are very rare and but for modern medical science would die at birth or shortly thereafter. In other words, the very vast majority of mankind is not born with two or more heads on one or more conjoined bodies.

God looks like Christ who had one body with one head on it. And the two of them, God the Father, and the Word who became Christ, each have one

body and one head as Christ said the Father looked just like Him i.e., one body with one head on it. And, God the Father and Christ are separate and distinct being; the Father is not conjoined to Christ or Christ to the Father. When Christ died, the Father did not also die; Christ was resurrected by God the Father. When the Word was on the earth as a man He prayed to His Father who was not on the earth. When Christ prayed He was not talking to Himself.

This should put an end to the argument that God is a trinity i.e., 3 beings in 1.

The name God refers to the manner of existence of these 2 beings i.e., they are immortal, have existed forever (are eternal) and have creation power. Also, they are 2 separate and distinct beings with their own spirit bodies and minds. Their oneness is not 2 or 3 beings existing in 1 being. Their oneness is that the 2 of them agree on the manner in which salvation is to be brought to mankind and the Word agrees to be under the authority of the Father. When we have 2 or more human beings agreeing on something, we can say they are one or of the same mind regarding the matter on which they agree.

Many separate and distinct individuals can be one with respect to a particular matter or several matters even, but they still and will always retain their individuality, personality, freedom of choice and ability to think. Being one or of the same mind as one or more other persons does not invalidate any of these abilities given man by God. In fact, these very abilities come from God and are a reflection of the very nature of God as men were created in the image and according to the likeness of God.

Nowhere but nowhere in the whole Bible is God referred to as a trinity. When Christ replied to Philip's question there was then for Him a golden opportunity to explain how God is a being with three heads on one or more conjoined bodies but that is very clearly not what He said.

Joh 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?**

That should make things clear for everyone that has the mind to understand spiritual truth that God is not a trinity or a duality but two

separate and distinct beings with their own body, head and mind just like the human beings created in their image and according to their likeness.

And now we can answer the question asked at the beginning of this study.

Who or What is the Holy Spirit?

It should now be clear that the Holy Spirit is not a separate and distinct being in the Godhead but rather that what is referred to in the Bible as the “Holy Spirit” is, depending on the context, the holy spirit God the Father or the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is God the Father’s Spokesman (Heb 1:2) to His called and chosen ones i.e., the God being in the Godhead through which God the Father speaks to those who have been called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father (John 14:26).

The Spirit of Truth or the Comforter who Christ said the Father would send to the apostles and truly converted Christians is God the Father sending the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman to teach all things to His called and chosen ones. In other words, God the Father would send Christ returned to His former glory as the holy spirit the Word, to teach newly converted Christians in the same way as He was sent as a human being to teach His disciples.

The holy spirit being called God the Father is the one that spiritually begets men i.e., it is the holy spirit being that is **with** men while they are being called and which gives opens their minds to understand enough spiritual truth for them to have to decide to commit themselves to obeying God or to return into the world. This is the first part of the process; afterwards, the holy spirit being called the Spokesman will then work **in** the minds of those called and who have chosen to obey God, teaching them all things as they study the word of God, their Bible.

When truly converted Christians study their Bible, they are then being taught by the holy spirit being of the God family called the Spokesman who became Christ.

**Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, [spirit]
whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you ALL
THINGS, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I
have said unto you.**

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost

We have Christ commissioning the apostles to go and teach all nations and what is then written in the Bible is as follows.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

This verse would seem to indicate there are 3 persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. So let's do a closer examination of this verse and determine if indeed it is saying there are 3 beings in the Godhead so that it is a trinity.

The Greek word translated Holy Ghost is *pneuma* (G4151) whose one of its meaning is:(divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy spirit..... We know from John 14:17 that Christ is the Spirit of truth that dwelt with the disciples and who would be in them, after His resurrection and glorification (John 7:39). We equally know that God's Son, Jesus of Nazareth after His glorification is also the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman. So, basically, the Son and the "Holy Ghost" in this verse refer to the same person, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman to the holy spirit God the Father's chosen ones.

How can this be?

It is possible for a thing or a person to be designated by more than one name but this does not mean that as many different names a person is called or known by that we have in effect, several different persons.

We all have a surname and a family name and as we go out into the world, other people often refer to us by nicknames based on some outstanding personality trait or personal ability. Some people have more than one nickname but whatever combination of surname, family name or nicknames are used to refer to a person, they are still the same person. Nothing very mysterious about that and very simple to understand.

Jesus of Nazareth's is also known as Jesus the Christ, the carpenter from Nazareth, the Word that dwelt with God in eternity, God the Father's Spokesman, the Alpha and the Omega, the Logos and more but it is still only one being.

In Matthew 28:19 what is being said is that the apostles are to go and teach all nations and baptize those individuals that come to conversion in the name of God the Father, of God the Son, and in the name of God the Father's glorified Son, which is Jesus-Christ restored to His former glory

following His resurrection from the dead. Jesus-Christ is God's son and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who works in the minds of the truly converted giving them understanding of God's spiritual truth.

The words "holy spirit" in this verse and others, refers to the glorified and resurrected Christ who is the holy spirit in the Godhead who is God the Father's Spokesman to the Father's called and chosen ones. He is the one through which God spoke to OT Israel and through which He now speaks to God's NT spiritual nation of Israel since the day of Pentecost.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;**

Matthew 28: 19 is stating in brief form who are the principal agents in the conversion process.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

There is God the Father (the holy spirit who calls men), God's Son (Jesus of Nazareth who was the promised Christ) and the holy spirit (the holy spirit God the Word). What the translators called the holy spirit we know to be Christ after his resurrection and glorification by the holy spirit God the Father as the Comforter (John 14:26) and as the Spirit of truth (John 14:17) that would come and teach all things to the Father's called and chosen ones (John 14:26).

A few last verses need to be examined before I close off this study as they are often used, along with Mat 28:19 to attempt to give credence to the belief that God is a Trinity.

These Three are One

The verses of interest to us are found in the book of 1st John and are the following:

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the

Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

According to those who hold the Trinity doctrine to be true, 1John 5:7 for them is the Bible proof that God is 3 beings who exist in one being. Here I will not take into account the fact that this verse is not part of the originally accepted texts of the Bible preserved by the Greeks and therefore should not be part of any Bible translation. It is said that this verse was added in by translators in an effort to justify the Trinity doctrine.

Be it as it may, applying a correct understanding of who and what is God and of what is the unity that exists in the Godhead effectively invalidate the Trinity doctrine and disproves that God is one being made up of 3 persons or 3 persons in one.

There is no problem with the statement that in the Godhead there is God the Father and God the Word; this is borne out all over the Bible. Where we run into a problem is with the assumed idea that what the translators have called a “holy ghost” exists as a distinct being in the family of God.

As previously explained, the holy ghost or holy spirit is simply, the glorified Christ following His resurrection from the dead.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Before becoming a man for the purpose of being God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin (Php 2: 6-8), Christ was the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman that dwelt in eternity with the holy spirit God the Father.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Let’s now look at John 7: 37-39 which are verses that show that Jesus-Christ, the holy spirit God the Word made flesh, *is* the holy spirit of the God family that was to come and work in the minds of all truly converted Christians to give them understanding of the Scriptures .

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, [the Last Great Day] Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [The truth of God will flow from him as a river as he will be given knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.]

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:39 makes it as clear as it can be said that the holy spirit (translated as the “Holy Ghost” by the Bible translators) is the glorified Christ. This is why it was not possible for ancient Israel to ever have the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman guiding them and opening their minds to understand God level spiritual truth. Christ’s glorification would occur only far into their future.

Christ had to first be glorified i.e., resurrected from the dead and restored to His previous state by the holy spirit God the Father as the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman before He could begin His work as the holy spirit of the God family that works in the minds of the truly converted and who teaches them all things. The glorified Christ is the Comforter, the holy spirit of the God family that would dwell in the minds of true Christians and teach them all things.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The holy spirit God the Father calls men (John 6:44; 65) and those who follow their calling and are chosen are then taught all things by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman to the holy spirit God the Father’s called and chosen ones (John 14:26). The translators understood what they called the “holy ghost” to be a separate personage in the Godhead while in reality this so-called “holy ghost” is Christ after His return to His Father. This means that there are not 3 but 2 persons in the Godhead and these are the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word (John 1:1-3). Both God and the Word are holy and spirit making them holy spirits and the holy spirits of the Godhead who have existed for eternity.

One last point that needs to be explained is how is God “one.”

God and the Word are one in that they both fully agree on how salvation is to be brought to mankind i.e., on God the Father's master plan of salvation for mankind while remaining separate and distinct individuals with their own minds, thoughts, likes and dislikes in the same manner as men whom God created in his image (same kind of mind) and in his likeness (similar to God in their physical appearance).

Like the men they created in their image and according to their likeness, they can agree or be "one" on different matters but remain individuals who don't agree on everything. This has been abundantly explained before so I will not further elaborate on this point here. Two or more persons being in agreement or "being one" over a given matter does not turn them into one being made up of several individuals. They all obviously remain individuals.

Conclusion

In actuality, as we have seen, the holy spirit is not a separate and distinct being in the family of God. Rather, the Bible shows that the God-head was composed from the beginning, and all eternity before anything existed or was created, of only two beings who are holy and spirit, God the Father and God the Word or Spokesman (John 1:1). They both existed before all things and all things were created by the Word or Spokesman.

Each of these holy spirit beings play a role in the salvation process. The holy spirit being that is God the Father is the God being that spiritually begets men and the holy spirit being that is the Word or Spokesman is the holy spirit being that teaches all things to those who have been called and chosen i.e., that have been spiritually begotten by the holy spirit being called God the Father because after having been shown some of God's spiritual truth they have committed themselves to obeying Him in all things to the best of their abilities.

The holy spirit being called God and the one called the Word or Spokesman are both fully God beings with God the Father being the highest in authority and God the Son being in perfect submission to His Father.

Both of these holy spirit beings are one i.e., the Word is in perfect submission to the authority of God, His father. Their oneness is not physical i.e., they are not 2 beings in one and even less 3 beings in one. Their oneness is with respect to the carrying out of God the Father's plan for salvation on which there is perfect agreement between God and the Word.

However, both God and the Word are separate and distinct beings with their own minds, thoughts, feelings, emotions, likes and dislikes, etc. They have individuality and personality as men created in their image and likeness have individuality and personality. These 2 things must exist along with repentance and belief in those that will become part of their kingdom.

God cannot reproduce Himself through beings who do not have mind power and the freedom to choose. All other animals except man were created without mind power.

God and the Word both work in the minds of men. First God the Father calls men to salvation, and upon men accepting their calling and being chosen, God the Word or Spokesman teaches them all things as they study God's Holy Bible which is Christ in writing.

Hopefully, the foregoing explanations adequately answers the question of what is the "Holy Spirit" or, as I should rather more precisely say, of how the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit the Word or Spokesman work in the minds of those who are being called and in the minds of those who are chosen. Though it is two different and distinct spirit beings working together to make salvation possible for mankind, it is still the same spirit.

God the Father and the Word are one i.e., they are of the same mind regarding the administration of God the Father's plan of salvation for mankind and Christ teaches the truly converted the very same things God the Father would teach them if He had the Spokesman role which has been given to Christ.

The trinity is not a biblical concept; the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible. There is no verse or combination of verses in the Bible making it possible to prove the existence of 3 beings in 1 as being the way God exists. Rather, it is the opposite that can be proven with the Bible and that is that God is a family currently made up of 2 separate and distinct beings with one being in authority over the other and to which an unknowable number of other holy spirit God beings are to be added growing God and the Word into a family, a nation and a kingdom.

All those resurrected into God's Kingdom will be holy and spirit as God and the Word are holy and spirit; it is the nature of God and the Word and it will be the nature of all those becoming members of God's Kingdom. They will be God as God is God i.e., holy and spirit.

The members of God's Kingdom will be a large number of individuals existing as one but they will also continue to all be separate and distinct individuals with their own minds and personalities. Their oneness with God will be through their submission to God's authority. This great mix of personalities and their freedom to think and generate novel and interesting ideas, points of views, suggestions, idea, etc. will make God's Kingdom an interesting and fulfilling time of fellowship with God the Father and the Word and with the other members of God's Kingdom.

God's resurrected saints are to spread out into a vast new heaven created by God to administer God's government over it and to beautify and embellish it under the direction of God and the Word using the creation powers of God beings and their different personalities and individualities.

God the Father will indicate what He wants done, the Word will then do what is required through the members of His body, God's resurrected saints. God's glorified saints who have become holy spirit God beings will then proceed to do the work required to accomplish what has been commanded. They will do so putting to the best possible use their individual and personal skills and abilities which God the Father used to give them their place in the body where all roles and functions are important and needed. They will all contribute to the wellbeing of the spirit composed organism or entity that is the eternal kingdom of God.

