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This document will provide you with a number of important truths which should help you in understanding your Bible. The intent is to be brief so I have not provided in most instances, the applicable Bible verses which support the statements made. If you have been reading through the many studies on this site, you should be familiar with most if not all of them. Hopefully, you will find them useful.

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

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.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

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.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

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 [I,Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

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, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

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 Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

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

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

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.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., nothing existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] 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, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and

no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no biblical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the "Holy Spirit" who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God's called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God's Kingdom.

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

Col 1:18 And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression "the Holy Spirit" without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate

and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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The following simplified list of Bible principles should prove useful to you when studying your Bible. They are applicable to most if not all of the Bible. The goal is to help you in better understanding the Bible.

1. Mankind given **free moral agency** by God; MEN CANNOT BE FORCED to believe something against their will.
2. Free moral agency makes **character** possible which is THE UNFORCED COMMITMENT TO OBEY GOD; it is a freely and knowingly taken decision.
3. God will not **force** anyone to obey Him; He will only rule over those who VOLUNTARILY submit to Him; no one will be saved against their will.
4. Man's brain has **mind power**, the ability to think made possible by the spirit in man. It is the means used by God to reveal truth to His called and chosen ones as they study their Bible. The Bible is the **physical** point of contact between God and men.
5. The **spirit in man** that gives man's animal brain mind power is the **spiritual** contact point between men and the holy spirits of the God family, God the Father and God the Word.

6. Knowledge of the holy is **understanding** and understanding is **ONLY** possible **by revelation** from God. The unconverted can have knowledge but not understanding.
7. God **the Father calls**; **NO MAN** can call another man i.e., make it possible for him to understand God level spiritual truth.
8. God **the Word teaches** all those called and chosen by God the Father.
9. God's church exists only by, and because, of the holy spirits of the Godhead: God and the Word working in the minds of men. It is **NOT AND CANNOT BE** the doing of any man or organizations of men.
10. This is why **God's Church is a spiritual organization**. God the Father (a spirit being) calls, God the Word (a spirit being) teaches as the truly converted study God's word, the holy Bible. There are no men or organizations of men standing between Christians and God. Their only **mediator** and **great high priest** is Christ.
11. **God's Church is** all those called, chosen and faithful who are growing in knowledge and understanding by their study of the Bible wherever they may be in the world, by themselves or in little groups.
12. Christians are God's Church royal **priesthood** offering themselves daily as sacrifices to God dying to their previous life of sin (their old man) and striving to live in newness of life (the new man) which is to obey God in all things to the best of their ability.
13. In NT times, the **true pastors of God's Church** are God the Father and God the Word, not men
14. Christians are the **living stones** of the temple in which God and the Word live.
15. Christians are new creatures, a **new creation in Christ**, they are God's **workmanship** **NOT MEN'S**.

16. Christ is the **author and the finisher of their faith** NOT MEN.
17. **Christians are to prove all things** for many (not a few) false prophets are gone out into the world and will arise right within organizations of men calling themselves God's Church; their goal is to **financially** exploit those they can get to follow them because of their great love (lust) for money.
18. False churches of God have existed since the beginning of God's Church; **all** churches make the claim they are true churches; otherwise, why would people join them
19. **Study** to show yourself approved of God; Christians are not commanded to sit in a hall listening uncritically to men claiming to have truth not otherwise accessible to God's called out ones; **NONE OF THEM DO**. Christians are to study their Bible.
20. **Covet to prophesy** (prophesying is spiritual fellowship with other truly converted Christians when some are known)
21. **Conversion** is something that goes on in the mind and is not visible to others. Truly converted Christians are **invisible** to the unconverted world and to each other. A Christian cannot see who are the truly converted in a crowd of people and therefore cannot come together to form large organizations visible to the world.
22. **Christian fellowship** is with God the Father and God the Word, and with other truly converted Christians when some are known
23. Christians are rewarded according to **their** works not that of others; a Christian's work is to be a student, and to put into practice as best he can the truth he learns from the Bible
24. Christians are to have **growth** in knowledge and understanding, and in the grace of Christ. No growth results in **loss** of salvation.
25. All receive different amounts of knowledge when called. Their task is to increase it through study of the Bible. **Salva-**

tion does not require a full and complete understanding of the Scriptures.

26. God's Church is **small and invisible** to the world and **persecuted** whenever it comes to its attention, it is the little flock.
27. **Many** are called, **few** are chosen, and **few** of the chosen remain faithful; this is why God's faithful will not be found in large, highly visible organizations of men.
28. God's Church **has no commission to preach the Gospel** to the world; the Great Commission was only given to the apostles.
29. There are no more apostles to come. The Bible provides no instruction on how men could ever appoint other men to be apostles.
30. First Century Church organization (evangelists, preachers, etc.) **not possible today**. No one has the truth given the apostles. **No one** has absolute truth that all are to believe. No men or organizations of men can **feed** the flock.
31. The TRUE PASTORS of God's Church are the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word.
32. God's Church is made up of the LITTLE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD. For the most part, they are not the smart, powerful, influential, rich and highly respected men of this world. No one could ever believe that they are the ones who are being given understanding of the truths of the Bible, yet they are the ones with whom God is working.
33. The reason why men are called and chosen is for them to demonstrate to God that they will maintain their attitude of obedience to God in all things to the best of their abilities until the end of their natural life no matter what conditions they may find themselves in.
34. God's Church has no commission to preach to the unconverted masses of the world for whom God's spiritual truth is FOOLISHNESS. The Gospel is SPIRITUAL TRUTH.

35. God's New Testament Church is a spiritual nation which exists because and by the power of God NOT MEN.

Of course, this listing is far from being complete but it does cover many essential truths which differentiate God's one true Church from the many other churches in the world.

God's one true Church consists of all those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father and who are being taught all things by God the Word and Spokesman as they study God's holy Bible. God is a spirit and must be worshiped in spirit and in truth not by the performance of repetitive physical symbolic ceremonies and rituals whether they be those of the Old Testament or those devised by men in New Testament times.

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

Salvation is an individual and personal process between God the Father and those He has called and chosen. Christ is the only mediator or intermediary between truly converted Christians and God the Father, NOT MEN.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

There are no men or organizations of men standing between God's called and chosen ones and God.