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What is the role of the Holy Spirit today?

When beginning to study about God the Father and his Son, one discovers that in addition to the two individual Gods, there is another part between them that connects the two together. This connection between them is called the Holy Spirit and it is essential to understanding the love and overall relationship between the Father and Son. These three, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create what is known as the Holy Trinity and is symbolized every time a Christian does the sign of the cross; further strengthening the idea that the Holy Spirit is an essential part to understanding God and Jesus's journey here on Earth. This Holy Spirit is also extended to the people of Earth and is revealed only in moments. Because the Holy Spirit is extended to the people of Earth, it then takes upon a role that the people of Earth can either choose to seek or turn away from. The role of the Holy Spirit in today's society is to teach and guide individuals and/or groups in the correct path for what God the Father asks of us.

The Holy Spirit acts as a teacher in how it responds when a person makes a right or wrong decision or chosen path. That being said, not everyone's path is and/or will be the same; many people have different interests and have to go through more or less of a journey to learn and gain wisdom from the Holy Spirit. Regardless, when a person does something that is right and good, they might receive either a good feeling, or acquire more wisdom, or something good in general that helps their spirit grow or improve. However, it is not so much that people are rewarded for good acts, but they are acting through the Holy Spirit when they do a good act; then

they receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit. According to Paul in Galatians, there are nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit; “[...] the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5: 22-23). All these Fruits are acquirable by acting through love. When acting through and focusing on love, a person sees bad situations as an opportunity to love, just as Jesus did on the cross (Barron). This way of viewing the world and acting through the Holy Spirit also translate to the Holy Spirit being a guide for a person of Earth.

The Holy Spirit can also act as a guide throughout one’s life and helps him or her become the best version of themselves. By following the word of God and by following and listening to the Holy Spirit, it will many times, in a subtle way, let a person know if they are on the correct path in their life. The Holy Spirit does this by revealing its fruits during that moment in time (Barron). An example of this would be when someone is doing something they love to do. If he or she is doing that activity, whether it be playing a sport or working at their job etc., and they are joyful while doing it and they have a clear mind or they are at peace, then the Holy Spirit, through those feeling, is expressing itself through that individual. Without the Holy Spirit being extended to the people on Earth, then the people would not have this inner peace connection with God the Father when doing something they love; thus having little, or at least decreased, inner spiritual connection with God within their lives. On the positive side, because of extension of the Holy Spirit, the people gain God’s guidance throughout his or her individual life. In addition to the Holy Spirit reveling things like passions and interests, which everyone hopefully finds during their lifetime, the Holy Spirit can also help reveal the truths of the world. According to John, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and an advocate to God the Father and his Son (John 14: 15-17). The Holy Spirit is the one who speaks on behalf of person of Earth and shows them the way to

truth. The Holy Spirit is the one who allows a person to communicate with God the Father; as Jesus says:

“[...] the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you” (John 14: 17-20).

The Holy Spirit, as in the past, is an essential part of understanding the relationship with God the Father and his Son. Their love is extended down to us through the Holy Spirit and helps the people of Earth not only understand their relationship, but also helps teach and guide us through our physical and spiritual ageing; enlightening and revealing truths as a person gains more experiences through life.

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