**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**INTRODUCTION**

It’s important to understand that there would creative, corrective or restoration miracle without the help of the Holy Spirit. Zechariah 4:6. “Not by power nor by might but my spirit says the lord” this was the word of God sent unto zerubabal for him to know that the foundation he laid, he must finish it through the help of the Holy Spirit. Despite the great mountain that is risen before him (zerubabel).

Grace and Truth came to mankind through Jesus Christ through the Love of God the father and now the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to a believer to ensure constant fellowship, communion and koinonia partnership with man in a bid to help man do the will of God on earth through witnessing Jesus. 2 cor 13:14, Roman 8:14-16

2 cor 13:14 clearly identified the persons of the Trinity. For which the Holy Spirit is one of them.

***We shall seek to understand the following in this course:***

1. ***The concept of Trinity.***
2. ***The person of the Holy Spirit***
3. ***The Ministry of the Holy Spirit.***
4. ***The assignment of the Holy spirit***
5. **THE CONCEPT OF TRINITY.**

It’s important to understand that certain words are not directly mentioned in the bible, words likes the rapture, and trinity etc. such words emanate from doctrine. Because according to systematic theology scripture must explain scripture. Hence any thought reference in:

1. Old testament
2. Communicated by Jesus
3. Testified by the life of the Early church

Is considered a doctrine, and hence rapture and trinity fall into such category or condition.

Evidences of the Trium nature of God are littered in the scripture

Genesis 1: 1 -3 “the ***spirit of God*** moved and God said”

Genesis 1: 26” And God said, Let ***us*** make man: this signifies that God is not alone “

Mathew 3: 14-17 consider the following outline there:

a. Jesus came for baptism,

b. The spirit of God descended on him,

c. A voice from Heaven speaking.

Mathew 28:18-20 here Jesus commanded His disciples to baptize all nation in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST. This is a validation of trinity by Jesus Christ Himself.

Stephen was full of the HOLY SPIRIT, then He Looked up to heaven as it opened and saw the JESUS at the right hand of GOD.

The question is who exactly the Holy Spirit is and why is He so important that God needed him to start creation, Jesus needed Him to start his ministry. The apostles needed him to start their ministry. David and Samuel accessed His works in the Old Testament and countless of His works in the scriptures.

1. **WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

The Holy Spirit is not:

1. A friend of God
2. Semi God
3. Junior God etc.
4. The Holy Spirit is God.

Note: Every description that you give to God suffices to the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit represent the **unlimited** **presence** of JESUS. John 14:16-18
2. The Holy Spirit is the wisdom of God.
3. The Holy Spirit does not only **convey** but **reveals** the **Power** of God. 1peter 1:21. The Holy Spirit is responsible for conviction not man.
4. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Scripture 2 peter 1:21. Even the prophets in the old only spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, and then All scriptures where given by the Inspiration of God 2 Timothy 3:16.

*It is important to note that Christianity is a revelation, an experience birthed in church by the Holy Spirit.*

1. *Christianity is not Religion.*
2. *Religion is mans’ attempt to manage his confusion about God.*
3. *Religion is mans’ attempt to create an explanation of the realm of the spirit.*
4. *Religion is man’s attempt to find God without the help of the Holy Spirit.*

The Holy Spirit brings about Conviction in an unbeliever, and then begins the journey of transformation of such believer in a bid to make him look like Himself as the believer remains in His Presence (unlimited presence of Jesus).

The Holy Spirit is patient enough to abide in us if only we let but ***as believer can you abide in him?*** To abide in him demands a death to oneself and total submission to his will, leading, guidance and direction which in experience will result to a manifestation of His characteristics. Once a believer allows these, the Holy Ghost will begin to introduce God to him and it will result to the birthing of a relationship or intimacy that is sustained by His presence.

The devil has not cheated you if he does not succeed in making you ignore the presence of the Holy Spirit. Because nobody succeeds without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. We don’t work alone in this kingdom. 1 cor 3:9 and John 16:7-15

The Holy Spirit is responsible for the conception, birth, growth, ministry, death, resurrection and accession of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is a gift to Humanity on Earth. It is one thing to receive the Holy spirit as believer but then it’s another thing to activate His ministry in your life.

1. **THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

It’s important to understand that with respect to MAN the assignment of the Holy Spirit are in two folds:

1. **Ministry to Unbelievers:**

These are set of persons who have not accept the life of God through Christ. John 16: 7 – 15

The Holy Spirit carries out the duty of conviction and recognition in their life. This is more effective when the word has been preached to them.

The Holy Ghost seek to introduce Jesus to them, and establish the knowledge of God in a territory (even in a man). John 6:44 – 45

Men are arrogant, so when they kneel down before God, it’s the Holy Spirit of God.

1. **Ministry to believers:**

These are the recipient of the life of God.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is carried out through the communion, partnership, fellowship and sharing together with Him. Without this fellowship there is a dimension of Him that cannot be revealed. Prayer is only a subset of fellowship with Him. 2 Corinthians 13:14

It’ is the fellowship with Him that permit him to begin to reveal God to man to the extent that transformation begins to happen in such man.

It is possible to have received the Holy Spirit, even speaking in tongue but not have His ministry activated in your life. It is not possible for man to believe what he has not seen. It takes the Holy Spirit.

**ASSIGNMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. **The first assignment of the Holy Spirit is the activation of our spiritual sense.**

The Holy Ghost is responsible for activating the organs of your spirit. The signs that your spiritual senses are not activities is when you are driven by your carnal mind.

1. **The revelation and understanding of scripture.**

The Holy Spirit Himself is responsible for helping your understand the scripture. Because He is the spirit of revelation and wisdom. Ephesians 1:17

The Holy Spirit is the Author of the scripture.

If you ever desired revelation in your life the key is to access the Holy spirit.

1. **Guidance and Direction**

John 16:13. The principle of the scripture are well spelt but something’s your life desired a guidance into activities that are in line with the will of God.

Isaiah 30:21

God does not always speaking, He only speaks. And your Job is to wait until He speaks.

1. Renewal and Transformation

2 Corinthians 3: 18

There is the word of God as person (the Holy Spirit) and the word of God as letters. Hence the unity of scripture and the Holy Spirit is what makes for the living Rehma of God.

What gives life to your confession is when it’s backed by the Holy Spirit.