

Who Is the Holy Spirit? Acts 5:1-4

Intro – The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the more difficult concepts to explain. The Bible teaches the following concepts about the Trinity:

- God is three persons (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Each person being fully God (Acts 5:1-5)
- There is only one God (Deut. 6:4-5)

1. Describe some analogies that you have used or you have heard that explains or illustrates the Trinity. Are there any analogies found in Scripture that teach the doctrine of the Trinity that you are aware of?

2. Why do you think the Holy Spirit is often called the “third” person of the Trinity? Why don’t we call him the “first” person or second person? Is this an indication of rank in the Godhead and if it is does this imply inferiority? Explain your answer.

3. READ the following Trinitarian passages:

- Matt. 3:16-17
- I Cor. 12:4-6
- 2 Cor. 13:14
- Eph. 4:4-6
- I Peter 1:2

In each of these passages all three persons of the Godhead are mentioned. We worship the Father and we worship the Son. Is it appropriate to worship the Holy Spirit? Defend your answer.

4. Why would it be wrong to conclude that since there are three persons in the Godhead there are three gods. This

teaching is known as Tritheism. How would you answer someone who says they worship three gods, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

5. Evangelicals make the claim that the Holy Spirit is a person. Does a person need a physical body to be a person? What key characteristics are necessary to have personhood?

6. What do the following passages tell us about the Holy Spirit

- Acts 5:1-4
- Hebrews 9:14
- Genesis 1:2
- I Cor. 2:10-11

APPLICATION

- Take a few moments as a small group to praise the Holy Spirit for who He is.
- John 16:7-8 and Titus 3:5-6 – Take the time to praise Him for convicting you of your sin and doing the work of regenerating (being reborn or born again) you.