

## The Holy Spirit: A Divine Person

### Introduction:

- A. There is much misunderstanding in the religious world concerning the nature of the Holy Spirit. - e.g., "... God's holy spirit is not a God, not a member of a trinity, not coequal, and is not even a person... It is God's **active force**.... may be likened to a radar beam" (**The Watch Tower** [Jehovah's Witnesses]. July 15, 1957. 432-3)
  - B. There are some things we cannot know about the Holy Spirit, but there is much we can. - Deuteronomy 29:29
  - C. Proposition: The Holy Spirit is a divine person.
- I. The Holy Spirit is a person.
- A. definition of "person"
    - 1. I do not mean He possesses a physical body. - Luke 24:36-40
    - 2. "person": "a being characterized by conscious apprehension, rationality, and a moral sense b: a being possessing or forming the subject of personality" (**Webster's Third New International Dictionary** [unabridged]. 2:1686)
  - B. proof of proposition
    - 1. He is spoken of by Christ as a person (10 uses of personal pronouns which designate a person). - John 16:13-15
    - 2. He possesses the characteristics of a person.
      - a. knowledge - 1 Corinthians 2:11
      - b. love - Romans 15:30
      - c. will - 1 Corinthians 12:11
    - 3. He does the work of a person.
      - a. speaks - 1 Timothy 4:1
      - b. teaches - 1 Corinthians 2:13
      - c. guides - John 16:13
      - d. forbids - Acts 16:6-7
      - e. searches - 1 Corinthians 2:10
    - 4. He suffers the slights and injuries of a person.
      - a. grieved - Ephesians 4:30
      - b. spited (insulted) - Hebrews 10:29
      - c. lied to - Acts 5:3

## II. The Holy Spirit is divine.

### A. definition:

1. Acts 17:29 (*theion* - “divine nature” [NASB])
2. Romans 1:20 (*theiotes* - “divine nature” [Ibid])
3. Colossians 2:9 (*theiotetos* - “deity” [Ibid])

### B. proof of proposition

1. The Spirit is called God. - Acts 5:1-4
2. He possesses the attributes of deity.
  - a. eternal - Hebrews 9:14
  - b. all-knowing - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
  - c. all-present - Psalm 139:7-10
3. He does the work of deity.
  - a. creation - Genesis 1:1-2
  - b. providence of nature - Psalm 104:30
  - c. miracles - Matthew 12:28; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

### Conclusion:

- A. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is a divine person.
- B. He invites you to come to Christ. - Revelation 22:17