

Images (Word Pictures) of the Holy Spirit

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I. The (tri-unity) Trinity of God

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- A. The Father is first, He is the source of all that God is.
- B. The Son is second, embodying and perpetually begotten from the Father.
- C. The Spirit is third, proceeding from the Father through the Son
 - 1. It is not that one is first, one second, or one third in Deity, as all are God.
 - 2. It is not that one is first, one a second or one is third or last in time, for all are eternal.
- D. Our universe is built on this tri-unity of God. This is a time, space, manner universe.
 - 1. Space is a tri-unity consisting of length, breath and height.
 - 2. Time is a tri-unity consisting of future, present and past.
 - 3. Matter is a tri-unity consisting of energy, motion and phenomenon.
- E. The Deity of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. He is the eternal Spirit (Heb 9:14).
 - 2. He is omnipresent (Ps 139:7-10).
 - 3. He is omniscient (1Cor 2:10).
 - 4. He is omnipotent (Lk 1:35).
 - 5. He proceeds from the Father and Jesus (Jn 15:26; 16:7).
 - 6. He makes us new creatures (creation) in Christ (Jn 3:3, 5; 2Cor 5:17; 1Jn 5:4; Tit 3:5).
 - 7. He raised Christ Jesus from the dead (Rom 1:4; 8:11).
 - 8. He is called the God (Ac 5:3-5), and is the author of Scripture (2Tim 3:16; 2Pt 1:21).

II. The Holy Spirit is compared to:

1. Breath:

Without breath we die. God's Breath gives us life. We have life and intimacy with God due to His indwelling Spirit.

Jn 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Ezek 37:9-10 Ezekiel prophesies breath to the dry bones

Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

2. Wind:

We can't see the wind but we can see its results. Just as the winds blows wherever it wants, so God's Spirit is sovereign. He gives gifts as He wills. Wind can be powerful like a tornado or hurricane, or be a cool refreshing breeze.

John 3:7-8 "... The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Ac 4:2, 31)

3. Water:

Water is tasteless, formless, colorless, transparent, and buoyant. It can hold up a huge ship. It is used for transportation. The Holy Spirit holds us up and transports us through this world to the world to come. Also, water cleanses and refreshes. With water there is life, growth, and fruitfulness. Where there is no water there are deserts.

Jn 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, " If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (Jn 4:13-14)

4. A Dove:

The dove is a symbol of purity, peace, and flies in the heavens and was used as a sacrifice for the poor.

Jn 1:32-33 John testified saying, " I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. 33 "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' (Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:21-22)

5. A Seal:

A seal protects, makes secure, and demonstrates ownership.

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, (Eph 4:30)

6. A Pledge, Earnest Money:

He is the pledge and the down payment of our inheritance.

2 Cor 1:21-22 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

7. Clothing:

He clothes us with power from on high.

Lk 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

8. Fire:

Fire separates the impure from the pure, it cleanses and purifies.

Mt 3:11 ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Ac 2:1-4)

9. Oil:

Oil is used for anointing, healing, and nourishment; it burns to give light.

Acts 10:38 Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, ... He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Mt 25:1-13 parable of the ten virgins (five were foolish and five were prudent)
the difference between them was having enough oil for their lamps.

10. Wine:

Wine intoxicate, we are not to be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit. (Eph 5:18).

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, (Ac 2:1-4, 12-13; Mt 9:17; Mk 2:22; Lk 5:37-39).

Questions for personal application and group discussion:

1. What is the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about these 10 word pictures?
2. Which of these 10 word pictures do you need most in your life?
3. How have you experienced any of these 10 word pictures?
4. How can we pray for you?