

\SERMON – “The Person of the Spirit”

RH June 10, 1902: “Christ had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose in his teaching, but the one upon which he dwelt most largely was the endowment of his Holy Spirit.”

Christ referred to the **Spirit** as a **Person frequently** in **John 14-16!**

JOHN 14:26 – “**He will teach you all things**” (the Helper/Comforter).

JOHN 15:26 – “**He will testify of Me.**” (the Helper, the Spirit of Truth).

JOHN 16:7-8 – “**Send Him to you ... He will convict the world of sin.**”

JOHN 16:13-15 – We see the **English word “HE/HIM” SEVEN times.**

7MR 299: “We need to realize that the **Holy Spirit**, who is as much a **person** as God is a person, is **walking** through these grounds.”

The **Father** and the **Son** take a **bodily form** (Dan. 7:9-14; Rev. 5:1-7).

Does the **Holy Spirit** take a **bodily form** in Scripture? **Answer – No!**

The **Holy Spirit** is **God’s Invisible ‘Man’** – An invisible, omnipresent **Person** (Ps. 139:7-8) – He **manifests Himself** in different ways!

WIND (Eze. 37:10-14; Acts 2:1-4) **DOVE** (Matt. 3:16)

FIRE (Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:1-4) **OIL** (1 Sam. 16:13)

SEVEN SPIRITS (Rev. 1:4; 4:5) **SEVEN EYES** (Rev. 5:6)

Biggest Detail – The **Personhood** of the **Holy Spirit** is **confirmed** by the fact that He **speaks** to believers! **Acts** has **much evidence** on this!

Acts 5:3-4 (lie; Spirit; God) **Acts 16:6-7** (Bithynia; don’t go)

Acts 8:29 (Philip; chariot) **Acts 20:23** (Spirit; every city)

Acts 10:19-20 (Peter; 3 men) **Acts 20:28** (overseers; flock)

Acts 11:12 (Peter; Spirit said) **Acts 11:28; 21:11** (Agabus)

Acts 13:2, 4 (Me, “I”) **Acts 28:25** (Spirit; Isaiah)

EZEKIEL 3:24, 27; 11:1, 5 – Ezekiel referred to the Spirit as a Person!

The Spirit **SPEAKS** to believers because He is a **divine PERSON!**

He is **NOT** an **IMPERSONAL FORCE** (not Adventist Christian Jedi!).

The Spirit as a Person: **He ...** speaks; is grieved; teaches; hears; helps; makes intercession; testifies; forbids; oversees flock; gives spiritual gifts; sends people to minister; has a mind; searches hearts; inspires prophets; decides what to do; guides; can be blasphemed; is lied to; worshipped. As a **divine Person**, He is the **personal presence of Jesus with us!** He is our **PERSONAL Companion, Comforter, and Teacher!**

JOHN 14:15-17 – The English word **HE** is used for the **Holy Spirit!**

4MR 329, 335: “The **Holy Spirit** is to be presented in **every discourse** ... Could there be a convocation of **all the churches on earth**, the **object** of their **united cry** should be for the **Holy Spirit.**”

As our **constant Companion**, the Spirit **ABIDES WITH US!** (Jo. 14:16)

As our **divine Comforter**, the Spirit **DWELLS WITHIN US!** (Jo. 14:17)

As our **eternal Teacher**, the Spirit **WORKS THROUGH US!** (Acts 1:8)

And if our spiritual radars are **sharp** and **operating well**, we can **hear Him speak to us**, just like He spoke to people in **Bible times!**

Personal Experience: Sonic the Hedgehog (“show things to come”).

Beloved, we have been **separated from God** ever since the Fall.

Yet, because of Christ, we can **now** be **close and personal with God!**

And **this closeness** comes to us through “**The Person of the Spirit!**”

This is the **beauty** of the **Personhood of the Spirit** (not orphans!).

And the Spirit is **intimate with us** through **His STILL, SMALL VOICE!**

Personal Experience: Armageddon in the Kitchen (voice of the Spirit).

Example: Book “They Found the Secret” (“honor the Holy Ghost”)

APPEAL: Christ through “**The Person of the Spirit**” wants to **be close!**

He wants to be **intimately involved** in our lives, in **YOUR life!**

Do you **discern** the Spirit’s presence and voice speaking to you?

Will you “**honor the Holy Ghost,**” “**The Person of the Spirit?**”

Remember, “The Person of the Spirit” – God’s Invisible ‘Man’ – wants to ABIDE WITH YOU, DWELL IN YOU, and WORK THROUGH YOU!

Will you **invite “The Person of the Spirit”** into Your life today?

What is **“The Person of the Spirit”** saying to your heart right now?