

Lecture 1 – The Holy Spirit: The Person of the Holy Spirit, I

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Eph. 4:30

Key Terms

Person & personality, knowledge, will, emotions

Lecture Objectives

- Identify the scriptural support for describing the Spirit as a person
- Describe various characteristics of the Spirit's Personhood
- Identify and explore some implications of the Holy Spirit as a person

Preview

Dr. Peterson begins the lecture by outlining the course requirements. He references the Inch book and a quiz to be completed. This book is no longer used, so reference to it may be disregarded. Dr. Peterson then begins our study of the Spirit, Church, and Last Things by delving into the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

A. Personality/deity of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a person

a. The Spirit possesses personal qualities

1) He has intelligence and knowledge

a) John 14:26. The Spirit will teach the disciples and remind them of Jesus' words

b) John 16:13. He will guide the disciples into truth; He will speak to them

c) John 15:26-27. The Spirit (and the disciples) will testify about Jesus.

d) 1 Corinthians 2:10-11. The Spirit knows and reveals God's ideas

2) He has a will

a) 1 Corinthians 12:11. The Spirit bestows spiritual gifts as He determines

3) He has emotions

a) Ephesians 4:30. Believers' sins, especially of speech and anger, grieve the Holy Spirit

4) He can be known

a) John 14:17. "But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you"

b. The Spirit performs ministries that only persons perform

1) He prays

- a) Romans 8:26. The Holy Spirit prays for Christians
- 2) He brings conviction of sin
 - a) John 16:8. The Spirit convicts the world of its sin
- 3) He takes Jesus' place
 - a) John 14:16. He is "another paraclete;" cf. 1 John 2:1 where Jesus is called paraclete.
- c. Implications of the Holy Spirit's being a person
 - 1) You can cultivate a relationship with Him
 - 2) We can be confident of the Holy Spirit's care for us
 - 3) We can pray to the Holy Spirit