

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want to speak about God the Holy Spirit. I want to bring something to light that perhaps has never quite occurred to you. It has to do with the Age of the Spirit. The Age of the Spirit is that period of time from Pentecost until the Second Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. You see, in the Old Testament, that period could be called the Age of the Father. Then the period which covers the four Gospels could be called the Age of the Son. So today, you and I are living in the Age of the Spirit.

In **1 Corinthians 12:1**, the Apostle Paul exhorts believers.

1/ Now concerning spiritual gifts . . . - or perhaps better, matters pertaining to the Spirit - . . . I would not have you ignorant. For some reason, sometimes we are caught up in another world and ignorant of understanding this Age of the Spirit. With the light and knowledge of the clearest and fullest revelation of the Godhead through the Scriptures, it is a grievous matter to sin against the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we do not even realize how great this sin is. If we do not recognize Him as God, then we are sinning against the Holy Spirit.

We understand something of the personality of God the Father when we look out and we see visible creation: we see mountains; we watch

the waves; we see amazing beauty around us. Also, it is difficult to deny the incarnation and personality of Jesus Christ. Historically, it has been a proven fact He was here on planet earth and people cannot deny that. However, because of the acts and the workings of the Holy Spirit being secret and mystical, we might speak only of His gifts, His influence, His graces, His power. We dishonor Him by thinking of God the Holy Spirit just as an influence rather than a Person.

The late Dr. R.A. Torrey wrote: “If the Holy Spirit is a divine Person and we know it not, we are robbing a divine being of the love of adoration which are His due. It is of the highest practical importance whether the Holy Spirit is a power that we, in our ignorance and weakness, are somehow to get hold of whether the Holy Spirit is a personal being, but it is He who has to get hold of us and to use us.”

Many can testify of the blessing that came into their lives when they came to know God the Holy Spirit, not merely as a gracious influence, but as an ever-present, loving friend and helper. I am asking today that God’s Spirit will speak to your spirit, that your eyes will be open, if you are a believer, to understand who is God the Holy Spirit. It is vital that we do not question the personality of God the Spirit. Perhaps you have heard of what has been referred to as the Apostolic Benediction, which associates the three Persons of the Tri-unity; giving each one of them equal personality.

In **2 Corinthians 13:14** - we read -

14/ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God. . . - speaking of God the Father - . . . and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. That is what we call the Apostolic Benediction. That is showing each one carrying the same personality equally; not one above another as far as the personality of God is concerned.

In **Acts 10:19**

19 While Peter thought on the vision, . . . - this had been given to him - a very important section of the Scriptures - . . . the Holy Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee: You know, I love God's timing; He never shows us A without having B already lined up! We think, "How is He going to work this thing out?" But God always does it that way and brings everything together for His glory. Peter was thinking about this vision he had seen and was trying to sort it out when the Holy Spirit spoke to him. Isn't that interesting? It is God, the Holy Spirit, who spoke to Peter. . . . **the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.**

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing. . . - In other words, do what I am telling you. It might not be according to your plan, but do what I am telling you. . . . for I have sent them. Isn't it interesting? The last thing he thought was that there would be three Gentiles knocking on his door! The Holy

Spirit here shows His personality and speaks to the apostle. We also read of His speaking in **Acts 13:2** -

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate unto me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And once again in **Acts 16: 7** -

7 After they had come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

Are you in tune with the God the Holy Spirit, as a believer? He always glorifies Jesus Christ, but please give Him room to see that He purchased you to live through you, to direct you, that Jesus would be glorified. Give Him that place today for His glory.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.