

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I don't know how you feel concerning the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life. Sometimes there is so much confusion. We talk about an *It*; we talk about somebody we are not supposed to speak about as if we are only to speak of God the Father and God the Son, and we are very confused. God is not three and One; God is three in One. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. The One indivisible essence has three modes of substance. The plurality of the Godhead is not a plurality of essence, but a *plurality of the hypostatical or personal distinctions*. "Oh," you say, "I cannot understand that — it is too complicated!" It is theological language. Let me show that the Trinity is not simply a partnership in which each member can sign the name of some big firm in Heaven. This is *unity of counsel and operation* only, but not of essence. That is what that word means. God's nature is not an abstract by an organic unity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient. We are to realize that and understand that it all has to do with His eternal working. When we speak of God the Spirit, we realize that God the Spirit is the One who shows us what is truth. You know, the Holy Spirit is opposed to the spirit of error.

In **1 John 4**, we read -

1 Beloved, do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God: for many false prophets have gone forth into the world. I can remember as a very young Christian when I had just received the Lord, I didn't know anything about what was right and what was wrong. All I knew was that the Spirit of the Lord bore witness to me when somebody said to me, "Now you need to do this, this and this." It was as if I felt within my very chest there was that quickening work of the Lord saying, "No, this is not so." He leads us by His Spirit. It is terribly important that we discern what is of Him because we are to prove what is not of Him. This is not because we intellectualize it, but we are attuned to the Spirit of the Lord who lives within.

2 By this you may know (perceive and recognize) the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges and confesses [the fact] that Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [actually] has become Man -with a capital M - and has come in the flesh is of God [has God for its source];

3 And every spirit which does not acknowledge and confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh [but would annul, destroy, sever, disunite Him] is not of God [does not proceed from Him]. This [nonconfession] is the [spirit] of the antichrist, [of] which you heard that it was coming, and now it is already in the world.

4 Little children, - born again believers - you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is

greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

5 They proceed from the world and are of the world; therefore it is out of the world [its whole economy morally considered] that they speak, and the world listens (pays attention) to them. *Note: they are of the world and they are accepted; We, the children of God, are not of this world and not accepted.*

6 We are [children of God]. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God - listen to this - does not listen or pay attention to us. . . . Isn't this interesting? Have you ever gone to somebody and shared about the Lord? They could be your best friend and wonderful looking, friendly folk and, all of a sudden, there is this wall of great opposition. It is not you they are resisting, but it is because they do not belong to Christ. The Spirit of the Lord is showing you. . . . By this we know and (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.

Sometimes people say, "I am having such a hard time." I spoke to a lady the other day. She said, "My whole family thinks I belong to a false cult. They don't like what I am saying. They are resisting me and it is terrible!" I said to her, "Rejoice! It's very scriptural. When we are in Christ, we are in His truth. And what I love is that when we are in Truth, He shows us those who are not with us are those who are in

error. Therefore, we know how to pray for them, that they might be delivered by the Lord and brought into Christ.”

Be ready for that normal price. That is not an abnormal situation in your family and amongst your friends. Rejoice! This is normal for you. Receive Him now and say, *I accept Your plan for me..*

In Jesus' Name. Amen