THE GODHEAD vs THE TRINITY, part 5 quotes

1 What other characteristics does the Bible of truth reveal about the Holy Spirit?

- "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and <u>the communion of the</u> <u>Holy Ghost</u>, be with you all. Amen." 2 Corinthians 13:14.

This inspired passage reveals the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself holds communion with us.

2 – "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for <u>the Spirit searcheth all</u> <u>things</u>, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." 1 Corinthians 2:10-11.

These verses reveal the truth that the Holy Spirit has knowledge, searches all things pertaining to Almighty God, and then reveals these precious truths to His followers on earth.

3 – "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified** <u>by the</u> <u>Holy Ghost</u>." Romans 15:16.

- "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water **and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is <u>born of the Spirit</u> is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is <u>born of the Spirit</u>." John 3:5-8.

- "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, **and renewing** <u>of the Holy Ghost</u>". Titus 3:5.

These Biblical passages reveal the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself is the source of cleansing, regeneration, renewal and sanctification so that we can be born again in Christ Jesus, grow up into His perfect image and obtain an entrance into heaven.

4 – "But ye are not in the flesh, **but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God** <u>dwell</u> <u>in you</u>. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also quicken your mortal bodies** <u>by his Spirit that dwelleth in</u> <u>you</u>." Romans 8:9-11.

- "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, **but quickened** <u>by the Spirit</u>". 1 Peter 3:18.

These verses reveal the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself can literally make alive or resurrect the faithful dead from their graves, as well as make alive or resurrect the fruits of righteousness within the life of one who was once dead in sins.

5 – "Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but **the <u>Spirit itself maketh intercession for us</u> with groanings which cannot be uttered....the Spirit...maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God**....Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, <u>who also maketh intercession for us</u>." Romans 8:26-27, 34.

These inspired verses reveal the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself helps our infirmities, and is another Intercessor other than Christ. This reveals that we have 2 different Intercessors before God: Jesus Christ - who intercedes for us before God through His precious blood, merits and righteousness; and the Holy Spirit - who intercedes for us before God through prayer.

6 – "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart **to** <u>lie to the Holy Ghost</u>, and to keep back part of the price of the land?...Then Peter said unto her, How is it that **ye have agreed together** <u>to tempt the Spirit of the Lord</u>? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out." Acts 5:3, 9.

These words of God reveal the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself can be tempted or tried or tested and lied to.

7 – "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of <u>sin and blasphemy</u> shall be forgiven unto men: **but the <u>blasphemy against the Holy Ghost</u> shall not be forgiven unto men**. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever <u>speaketh against the Holy Ghost</u>, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:31-32 (see also Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10).

These inspired passages show us the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself can be blasphemed, spoken against, and sinned against.

8 Two powerful evidences revealing the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself is a Personal Being.

A - "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, **and for <u>the love of the</u>** <u>Spirit</u>, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me". Romans 15:30.

This scriptural passage reveals the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself loves us!

B - "And when they were come up out of the water, <u>the Spirit of the Lord caught away</u> <u>Philip</u>, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But <u>Philip</u> <u>was found at Azotus</u>: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea." Acts 8:39-40.

- "So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. <u>Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib</u>, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days." Ezekiel 3:14-15.

These inspired passages revealed the truth that the Holy Spirit Himself literally picked up these servants of God and transported them to a completely different area. And this possibility was well known to be a fact of truth among God's followers!

- "And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, **that the spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not**". 1 Kings 18:12.

- "And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the spirit of the LORD <u>hath</u> taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley." 2 Kings 2:16.

These two facts of truth, as well as all the other Scriptures we have examined, proves conclusively that the Holy Spirit is not some essence, or power, or the mind of God, or some other non-personal force, but is an actual living Holy Person and Being with distinctive personal qualities and characteristics all His own. It also shows that the Holy Spirit has His own particular work to perform in the plan of Redemption, other than the work which God - the Father and God - the Son are engaged in for the salvation of mankind.

9 Since the Holy Spirit is a living Person and Being, then can He assume form and shape?

– "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And **the Holy Ghost descended** in a **bodily shape like a dove** upon him". Luke 3:22-23. (See also Matthew 3:16 and John 1:32.)

- "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them <u>cloven</u> tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, <u>as the Spirit gave them</u> <u>utterance</u>." Acts 2:2-4.

10 Can the Holy Spirit even assume the form of an actual living Personal Being?

- "He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house....And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me." Ezekiel 9:1-6, 11.

These Bible verses show a particular holy being in the form of a man, dressed in linen garments just like a priest (Leviticus 6:10, 16:32), and with a writer's inkhorn that He uses to place a mark or seal upon the foreheads of the servants of God. But who is this holy being in the form of a man?

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, <u>whereby ye are sealed unto the day of</u> <u>redemption</u>." Ephesians 4:30.

It is the Holy Spirit who seals God's servants! This means that the holy being in the form of a man who is dressed as a priest, who Ezekiel saw sealing God's faithful servants, was actually the Holy Spirit Himself! This fact of truth reveals that the Holy Spirit can not only assume the non-personal forms of a dove and tongues of fire, but can also assume the Personal form and shape of a man!

11 Did the Holy Spirit assume any other Personal form and shape of a man who was dressed as a priest?

"For this **Melchisedec**, **king of Salem**, **priest of the most high God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and **after that also King of Salem**, **which is, King of peace**; <u>Without father</u>, **without mother**, **without descent**, **having neither beginning of days**, **nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God**; **abideth a priest continually**....And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom <u>it is witnessed that he (Melchisedec) liveth</u>. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but <u>after the</u> <u>power of an endless life</u>. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec....

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament...<u>because he continueth</u> <u>ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood</u>. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17, 22, 24-25.

Melchisedec was a King of Righteousness, a King of Salem or of peace, and was also a priest of the most High God. But Melchisedec could not have been any human being, because he was without a father, without a mother, without a descent or linage, and he did not have a beginning of days, nor an end of life. And since Melchisedec was like unto the Son of God – who has eternal life – then Melchisedec could abide a priest continually.

Melchisedec could also not have been Jesus Christ, because Christ was made a priest after the order of Melchisedec, and not after His own priestly order. Neither could Melchisedec have been God the Father, because no human has seen the Father at any time (see John 6:46; 1 John 4:12), and yet Melchisedec was seen by Abraham and other humans. Also, Melchisedec could not have been an angel, because angels are created beings and do not have eternal life, but are subject to God for continual existence. If Melchisedec was not a human being, was not either Jesus Christ or God the Father, and was not an angel, then the only other possible Being Melchisedec could have been was the Holy Spirit Himself!