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I. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTOLOGY?

What is “Christology?”

➤ **Christology:** the study of the person, nature and work of Jesus Christ, especially as reflected in the New Testament.

Christology is particularly concerned with the relationship of the nature and person of Jesus with God the Father; and with details of Jesus’ ministry, acts and teaching, to arrive at a clearer understanding of who he is, and how he is able to provide our salvation.

OR, “How is it that Jesus was both human and divine, and how is that important for our salvation?”

A. Questions we have to remember/ponder about Jesus.

1. What does it mean to believe in Jesus **TODAY**? What does that mean?
2. How do we connect our belief in Jesus with our understanding of salvation?
3. What do we think about the person and work of Jesus?
4. What is your **“image”** of Jesus? How do you see him?
5. What does **“in the name of Jesus”** mean?

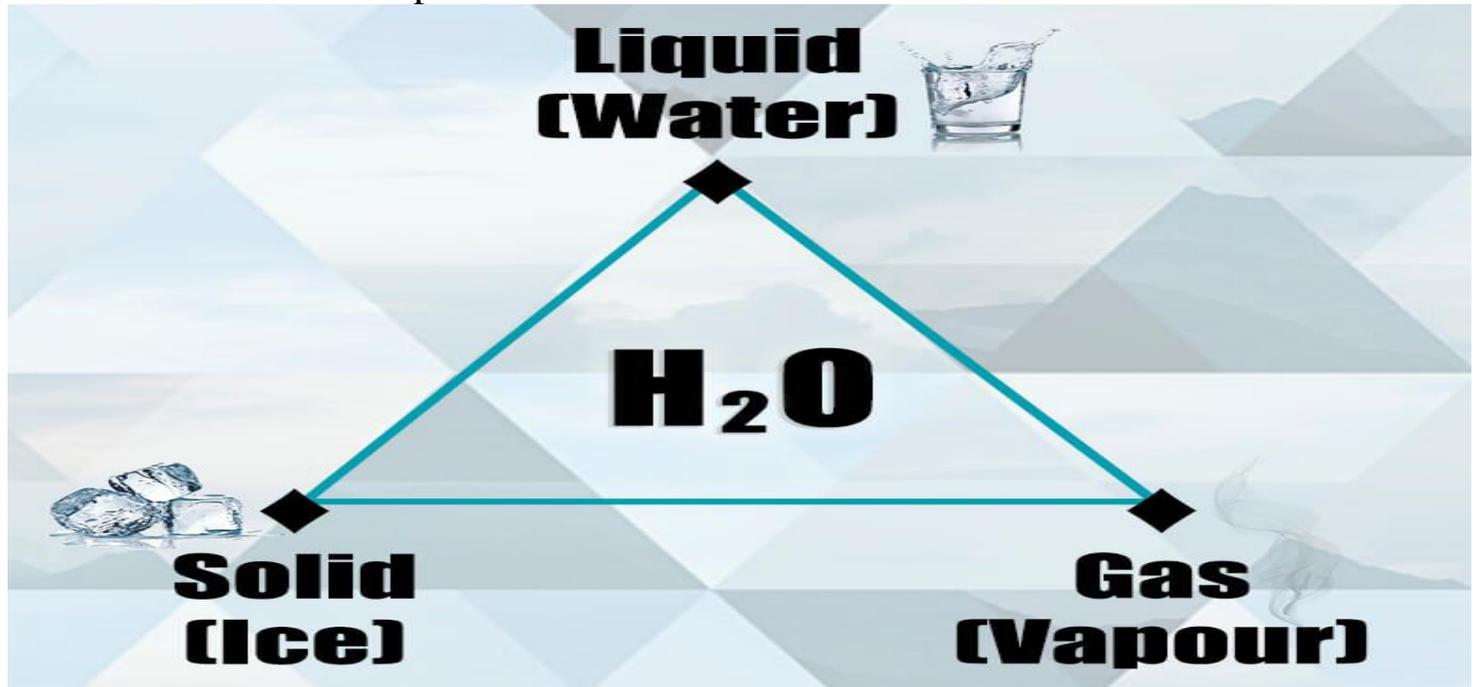
II. PNEUMATOLOGY

- ✦ The word pneumatology comes from two Greek words,
- ✦ **Pneuma**, meaning; “spirit,” and
- ✦ **Logos**, meaning “doctrine.”
- ✦ Hence, pneumatology is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity.

A. The doctrine of pneumatology addresses the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

1. What do we mean when we speak of the “**person**” of the Holy Spirit?

- We believe that The Holy Spirit is the third “**person/personality**” of God.
 - God has revealed Godself to humanity in 3 ways; the Godhead, the Trinity – God as Father, God as Son (Jesus), God as Holy Spirit. God is united.



2. References to the Holy Spirit as a person

- **He is referred to as a Person** (John 6:63; 14:26; Rom. 8:11, 16, 26; 1 John 5:6).

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. –
Romans 8:16

- **He speaks** (2 Sam. 23:2; Acts 1:16; 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2; 21:11; 28:25–26; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:7–8; Rev. 2:7; 14:13; 22:17).

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in **which the Holy Spirit spoke** long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.” – Acts 1:15-17

- **He witnesses** (John 15:26).

²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

- **He searches** (1 Cor 2:10b)

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

- **He can be grieved** (Isa. 63:10; Eph. 4:30).

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. – Ephesians 4:30

- **He loves** (Rom. 15:30).

³⁰ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

- **He has a mind** (Rom. 8:27).

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

- **He has intelligence** (1 Cor. 2:10–11).

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

- **He can be tested** (Acts 5:9).

⁹ Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

- **He has a will** (1 Cor. 2:11; 12:7–11).

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] **¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.**

3. The more appropriate way to refer to the Holy Spirit is **“He”** not **“it.”** I know that this is not what most of us were taught or trained to do.
4. A few of the biggest issues/challenges with understanding or accepting the person of the Holy Spirit.

a. He is **INVISIBLE**.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. **The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[c] in you.** ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

- He has a purpose (John 14:26; 1 Cor. 12:7)

²⁶ But the Advocate, 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.**

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- **He is God**

1. Here are a number of references that point to the Holy Spirit’s divine characteristics:
2. He’s called God (Acts 5:3-4).
3. He’s called the Spirit of God (Gen. 1:2; Judg. 3:10).
4. He’s considered God (Acts 28:25–27; 2 Cor. 6:16; Heb. 3:7–9).
5. He’s treated as equal to God the Father and Son (Matt. 3:16; 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4–6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:18; 4:4–6; 1 Pet. 1:2).
6. He’s eternal (Heb. 9:14).
7. He’s self-existent (Rom. 8:2).
8. He’s omnipresent (Psa. 139:7–8).
9. He’s omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10–11; John 14:26; 16:13).
10. He’s sovereign (Zech. 12:10).

11. He was involved with creation (Gen. 1:1–2).
12. He enabled the writing of the Bible (2 Pet. 1:21).
13. He helps us to recognize the glory of God (2 Cor. 4:4).
14. He enables us to call upon Jesus as Lord (1 Cor. 12:13).

b. He is not a **FEELING**, but because He is in us, He causes us to feel.

c. Being **“in the spirit.”** What does that really mean?

¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,... - Revelation 1:10

III. ADDITIONAL AREAS THAT SHOULD BE STUDIED ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit – 1 Cor. 12:4-11

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

B. **“Glossolalia”** – speaking in tongues, 1 Cor. 14

1. Is speaking in tongues necessary for salvation?

C. The Fruit (singular) of the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:19-25

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become

conceited, provoking and envying each other.

D. The Holy Spirit is the active presence of God in the earth **RIGHT NOW!** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. – Acts 2:1-4

E. Is there a difference between being **“filled with”** the Holy Spirit and being **“baptized in/with”** the Holy Spirit?

IV. THE CHURCHES/DENOMINATIONS THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT DO **NOT ACCEPT THE TRINITY**

1. Christian Science
2. Jehovah’s Witnesses
3. Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)
4. Oneness Pentecostalism (**“Jesus Only”**, John 3:5; Acts 2:38)
5. Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God
6. Church of God (Seventh-Day)
7. Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ
8. P.A.W. (Pentecostal Assemblies of the World)
9. United Church of God
10. United Pentecostal Church International
11. The Way International

V. NEXT WEEK – THE DOCTRINE OF SATANISM

- 2/1 – The doctrine of Angelology
- 2/8 – The doctrine of Humanity (Anthropology)
- 2/15 – The doctrine of Grace
- 2/22 - The doctrine of the Sacraments
- 3/1 – The doctrine of Eschatology

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