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THE HOLY SPIRIT

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TEXT: John 14:26

INTRODUCTION:

ILL: Pope John

ILL: Karl Barth

— The Charismatic Movement

Holy Spirit....2

-- Paul said, "Now concerning matters pertaining to the Spirit, I would not have you ignorant."
(1 Corinthians 12:1).

~~—~~ Impossible to understand the Bible

~~—~~ Christian living

~~—~~ the structure of the Church

~~—~~ Without Holy Spirit.

CHARISMATA

Rom 12

1 Cor 12

Eph 4:11

~~—~~ He is a Person

~~—~~ not an agent or influence

~~—~~ He is God.

~~—~~ not "it."

~~—~~ He is not "something," but
"Someone."

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~~--~~ "Holy" indicates He is holy within Himself.

~~--~~ Spirit is used in contrast to that which is flesh and material.

1. OMNIPOTENT:

~~--~~ All powerful

~~--~~ "I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord" (Micah 3:8).

2. PRESENT EVERYWHERE:

~~--~~ The Holy Spirit is everywhere at the same time.

Holy Spirit...4

~~B~~ "Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
or whither shall I flee from thy
presence?" (Psalm 139:7).

~~—~~ That is one of the reasons Christ
went away

~~—~~ to get out of the human body so
He could be everywhere at the
same time.

~~—~~ "It is expedient for you
that I go away, for if I go
not away, the Holy Spirit will
not come unto you." (John 16:7).

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~~--~~ That all disciples, no matter where they might gather themselves together, might realize and enjoy His presence.

3. ALL KNOWLEDGE

~~--~~ "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10)

~~--~~ In the Book of Revelation He is spoken of as having "seven eyes," which is symbolic

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~~—~~ indicating that nothing is hidden from His searching glance and perfect knowledge

~~--~~ This ought to lead all of us to walk daily before God.

4. ETERNAL:

~~--~~ In Hebrews 9:14 we have the phrase "the eternal Spirit."

~~--~~ He is co-eternal with God the Father and the Son.

~~—~~ MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

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ILL: Apple

ILL: Ice, water, vapor

~~—~~ all the same

~~—~~ but take different forms.

5. HOLY:

~~—~~ He is referred to over 100 times
as "the Holy Spirit."

~~—~~ "Be ye holy, even as I am holy"

~~—~~ is God's command

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~~—~~ but it is the Holy Spirit
who alone can impart divine
holiness.

~~—~~ The Holy Spirit bears witness to
Jesus Christ who is the Truth.

~~—~~ In fact, we hear a lot about young
people taking drugs to go on a
spiritual trip.

-- Remarked one young man who had
been converted to Jesus Christ:

-- "To induce spirituality by
taking drugs is like trying to
turn on your TV set by kicking it."

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6. WHERE HE IS, THERE IS LIBERTY:

- out from The Bondage of Legality

~~---~~ The Holy Spirit liberates.

*Flexibility - We don't know all
the answers*

ILL: A band of rampaging militants - *Few years Ago*
ripped a vending machine to
pieces and one shouted

~~---~~ "This machine is liberated!"

~~---~~ They weren't talking about
liberty

~~---~~ They were talking about
vandalism

~~---~~ which leads to bondage.

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ILL: As Eric Hoffer says

~~—~~ "The best test of freedom is
not in what we are free to do
~~—~~ but in what we are free
not to do."

~~—~~ "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and
where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty." (11_Corinthians_3:17)

1. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

1. Convicts

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~~---~~ "And when he is come, he will
reprove the world of sin, / and of
righteousness, / and of judgment"
(John 16:8).

- ~~---~~ Uses mother's prayers
- ~~---~~ tragic experience
- ~~---~~ pastor's sermons.

2. He gives new life

~~---~~ dead in sin

~~---~~ man needs new life in Christ.

ILL: Mark Twain

~~—~~ was not a happy man

~~—~~ once lamented, in a moment
of candor

~~—~~ "It is too bad that Noah
did not miss the boat."

ILL: Clown and psychiatrist.

ILL: Bertrand Russell wrote to a friend

~~—~~ "I could think of nothing but
suicide," for "over man and all
his works "night" falls, pitiless
and dark."

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— Man without God is dead

— and life is at best a bore.

— "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

— "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

3. HE indwells:

— many of our young people are spiritually dead and surfeited with the issues of our hour in history.

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ILL: Time magazine quotes a 19-year-old
girl as saying,

-- "I'm tired of anti-pollution;
I'm tired of ~~Civil Rights~~ *all the career I've been involved in*;
I'm tired of life. I just wish
I could start life all over again."

~~---~~ "And I will put my spirit within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes,
~~/~~ and ye shall keep my judgments, and
do them" (Ezekiel 36:27).

~~---~~ "He dwelleth with you, and shall be
in you" (John 14:17).

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~~—~~ "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"
(1 Corinthians 3:16).

4. HE empowers for service:

~~—~~ "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

Holy Spirit...16

ILL: In Wakefield, England

~~-~~ woman tried her Driver's Test
for the 38th time
~~-~~ and failed.

~~-~~ Perhaps you have tried nearly that
many times for a license spiritually
to sit in the driver's seat of your
life

~~-~~ Will you move over and trust
the Holy Spirit to drive and
control your life?

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5. HE produces the fruit of the Spirit:

- "But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith,
meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22,23)
- Romans 7 is a chapter of defeat.
- Romans 8, the Holy Spirit is
mentioned 12 times
 - it is a chapter of victory.
- We are told to "walk in the Spirit."

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6. HE opens and shuts doors:

~~—~~ "For the Holy Spirit shall teach
you in the same hour what ye ought
to say" (Luke_12:12).

~~—~~ Without Him your life is directionless.

7. HE magnifies, glorifies, and
exalts the Son:

~~—~~ "He shall not speak of himself"
(John_16:13).

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8. HE fills:

~~---~~ "Be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians_5:18).

II. SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE
HOLY SPIRIT:1. You can anger the Spirit

~~---~~ As I pick up the Bible I do discover the "wrath" of the Spirit.

Holy Spirit...20

~~---~~ All three in the Godhead are equal

~~---~~ they have equal feelings.

~~---~~ "How often they rebelled...and grieved him in the desert"
(Psalm 78:40 RSV)

~~---~~ The translation from the Septuagint:
~~---~~ "They disobeyed, and made
angry the Spirit of God."

~~---~~ "They rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit...therefore he turned to be
their enemy, and himself fought
against them" (Isaiah 63:10, RSV).

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~~—~~ The word "grieve" here means
~~—~~ "to make angry."

~~—~~ I would urge every one of you to
be very careful lest you rouse the
wrath of the Spirit.

~~—~~ "My spirit shall not always strive
with man" (Genesis_6:3).

2. HE can be lied against:

~~—~~ "Thou hast not lied unto man, but
unto God" (Acts_5:4).

Holy Spirit...22

~~—~~ Here we have direct evidence of
the deity of the Spirit.

~~—~~ Ananias and Sapphira did not
utter a lie

~~—~~ they acted a lie.

~~—~~ They pretended to be what
they were not.

3. The Holy Spirit can be tempted:

~~—~~ "How is it that ye have agreed together
to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?"
(Acts 5:9).

Holy Spirit...23

~~—~~ Many times sinners say

~~—~~ "Well, if God is God, let Him
strike me dead."

ILL: Old eagle at Niagara.

④ The Holy Spirit can be resisted:

~~—~~ "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost:
as your fathers did, so do ye"
(Acts 7:51).

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~~—~~ A solemn thing to resist the Holy Spirit

~~—~~ you detect His voice

~~—~~ and yet you deliberately refuse.

~~—~~ It is a dangerous thing to resist the Spirit.

~~—~~ "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

~~—~~ "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood

Holy Spirit...25

of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:28-29).

~~—~~ "Despite" here means "insult."

~~—~~ It is a terrible thing to knowingly, wilfully, reject the wooing of the Spirit of God.

5. You can blaspheme the Holy Spirit:

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~~--~~ "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto them" (Matthew 12:31).

~~--~~ Here is a sin that disturbs many people.

~~--~~ "Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee" (Job 36:18).

Holy Spirit...27

~~—~~ "He, that being often reprov'd
hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly
be destroyed, and that without remedy"
(Proverbs 29:1).

~~—~~ "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for
thou knowest not what a day may
bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

~~—~~ Here tonight you are voting
for one of two persons:

~~—~~ Jesus Christ

~~—~~ or the devil.