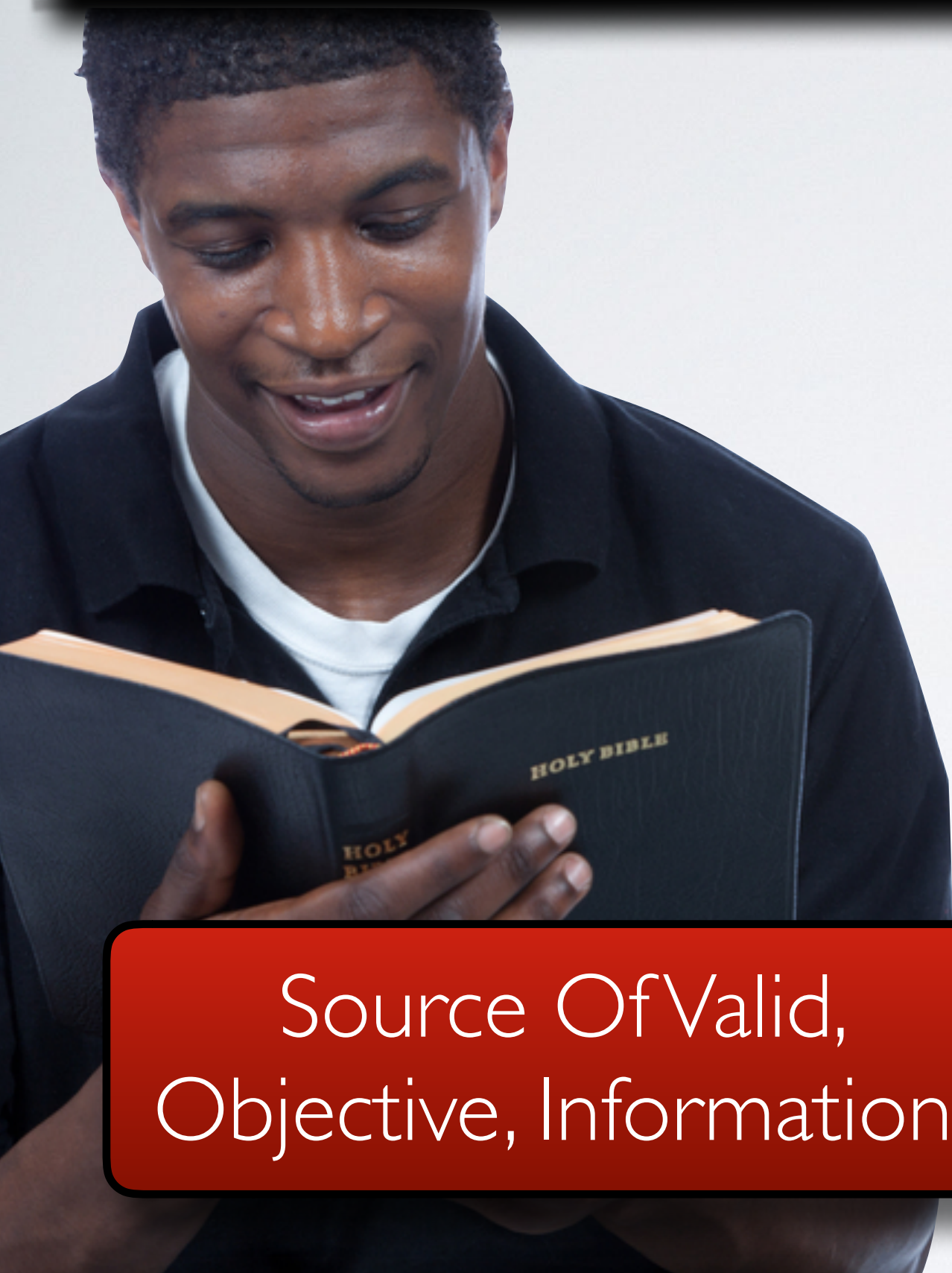


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THE HOLY SPIRIT

The **PERSON & NATURE**
of the **Holy Spirit**

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

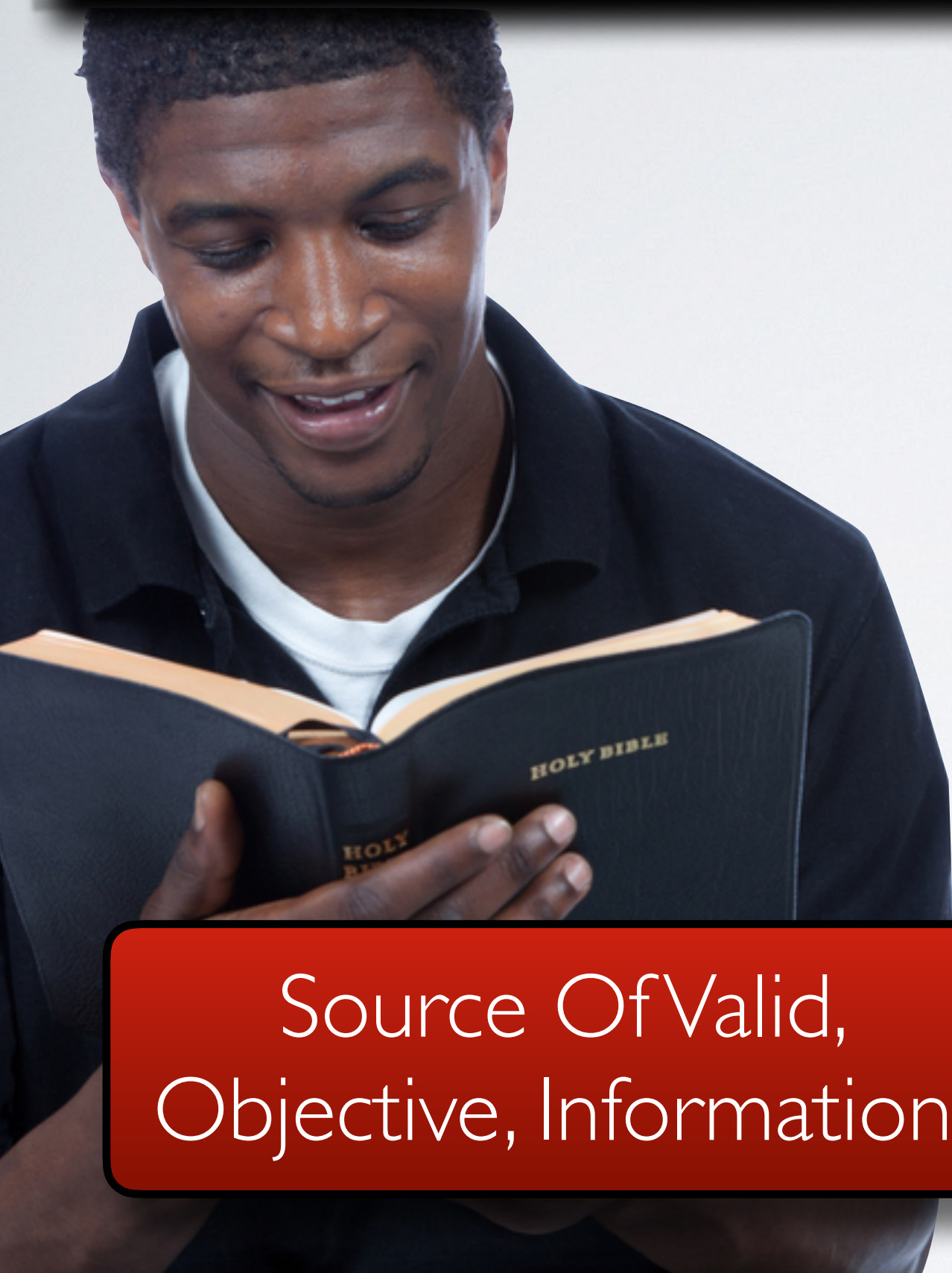


■ Inspired Source

- ▶ i.e. the scriptures -
(Cf. John 14:26; 15:26;
16:12-13; Romans 8:2;
2 Timothy 3:16; 2
Peter 1:3; Jude 3)
- ▶ ONLY Reliable Source
- ▶ The Holy Spirit Has
Revealed ALL The
Truth About Himself
That We Can Know!

Source Of Valid,
Objective, Information!

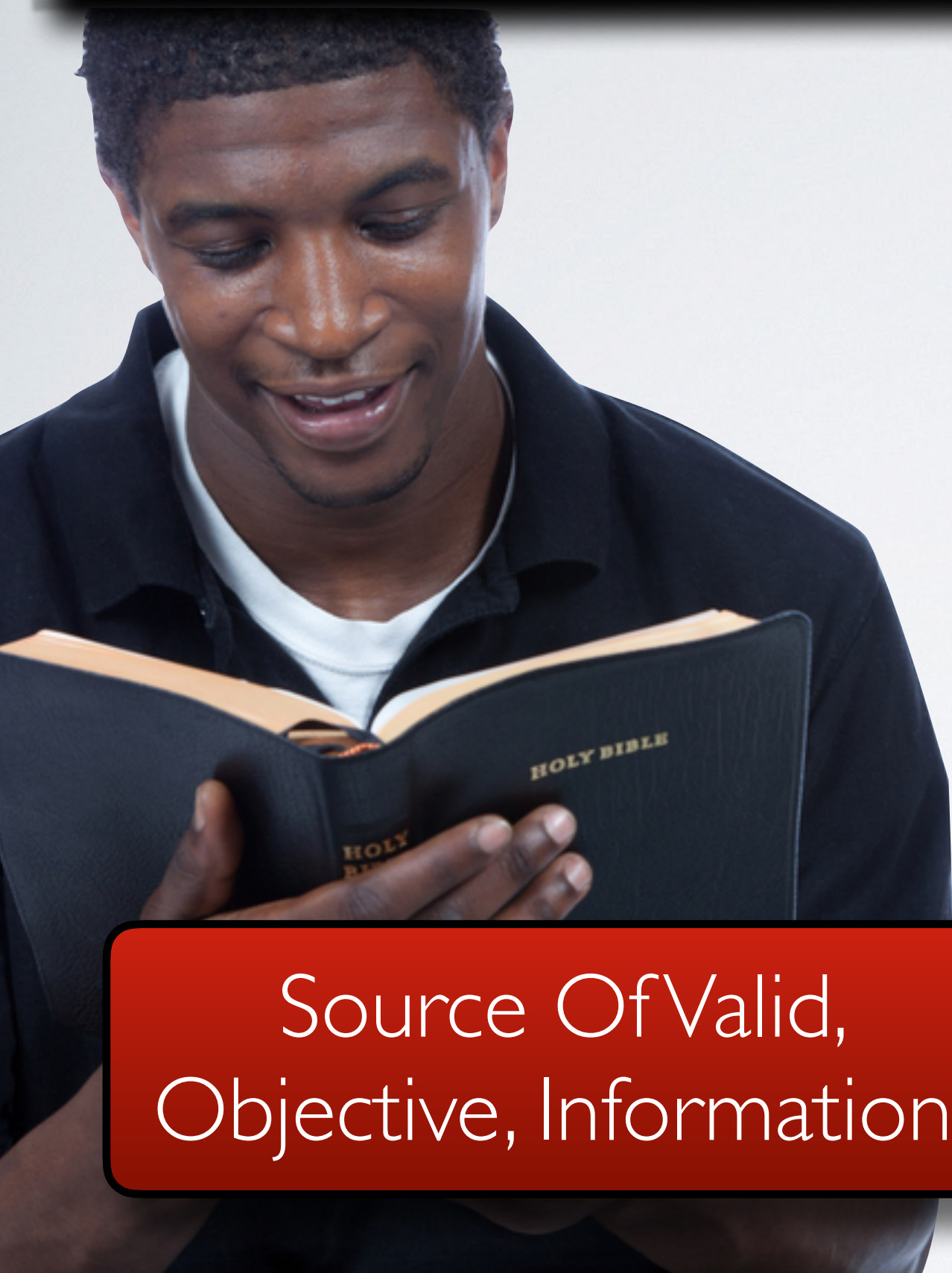
The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit



- **WE MUST EXAMINE WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF**
- **Many Misunderstand the working of the Holy Spirit**
 - ▶ Holy Spirit baptism?
 - ▶ Gift of the Holy Spirit?
 - ▶ Miraculous gifts?
 - ▶ Indwelling?
 - ▶ How He leads us?

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The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit



- Much error is taught about the nature of the Holy Spirit - (Arianism / Modalism / etc.)
- Is the Holy Spirit an impersonal force? / just a manifestation of the Father? / A person of the Godhead?

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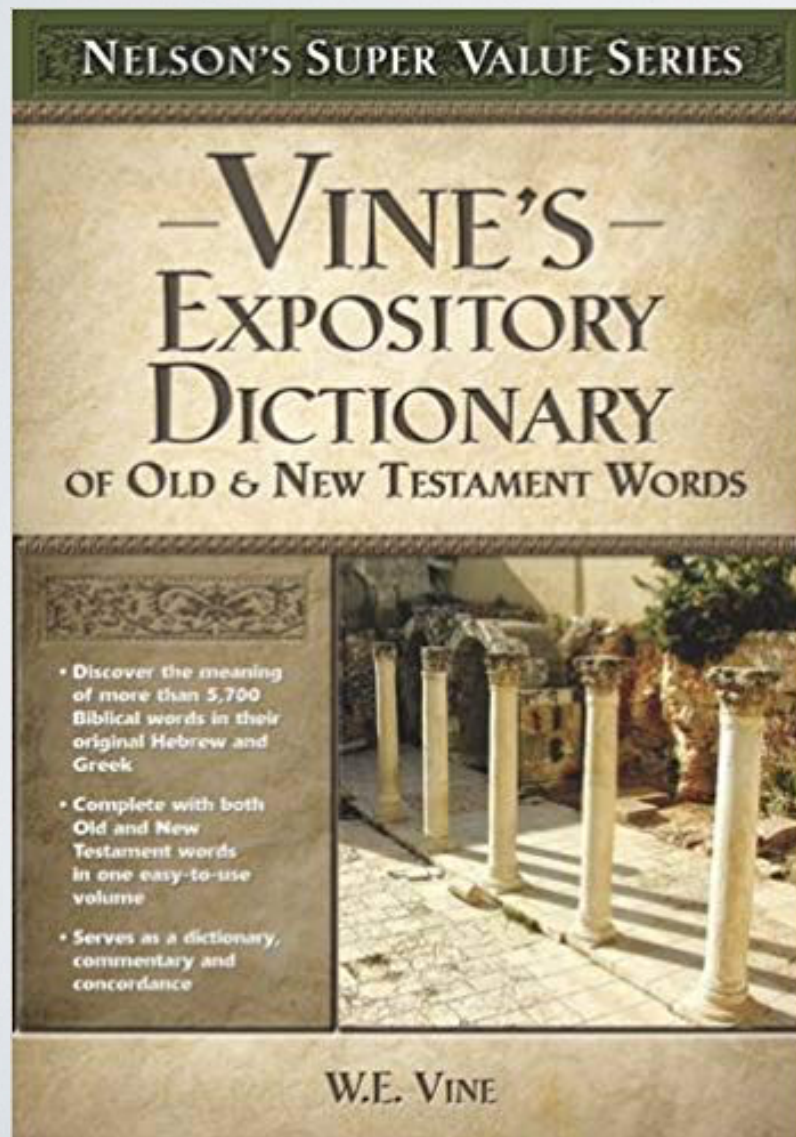


■ Who, or what, is the Holy Spirit?

- ▶ Some claim the Holy Spirit is a “what” not a “WHO!” The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses):
- ▶ "As for the 'Holy Spirit', the so-called 'third person of the trinity', we have already seen that it is, not a person, but God's active force." - *The Truth That Leads To Eternal Life*

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

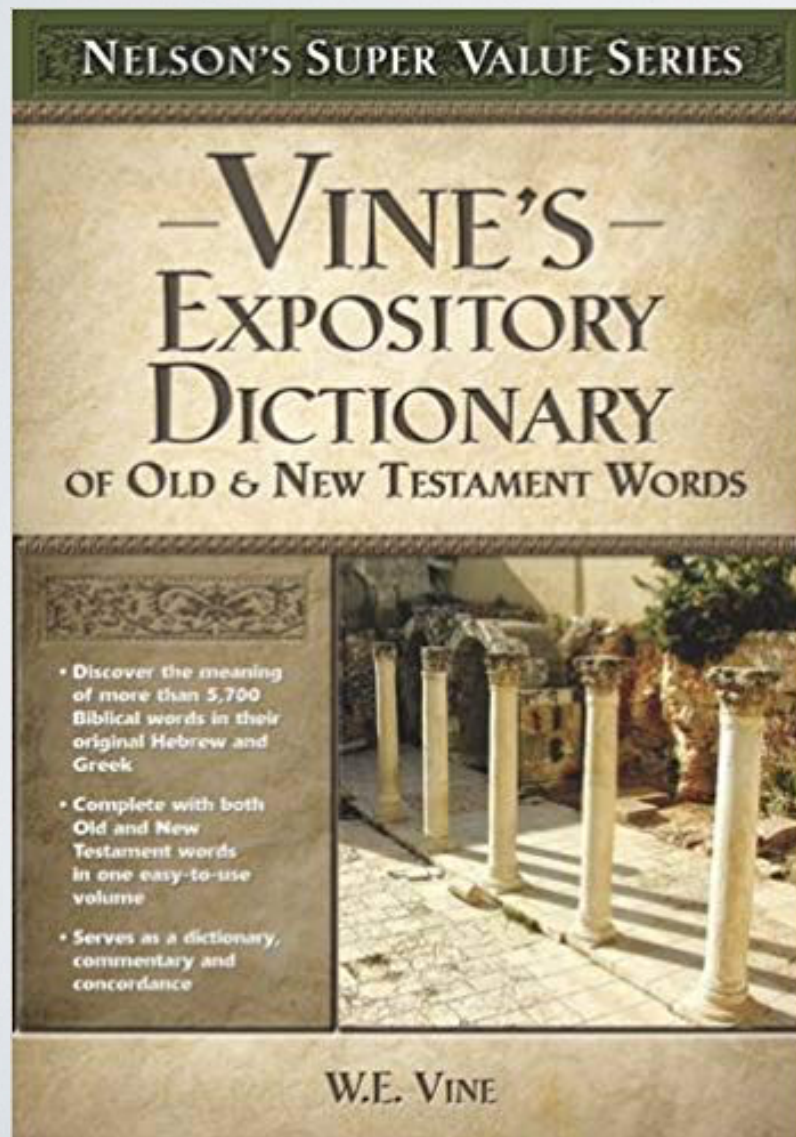
The WORD “SPIRIT” USED DIFFERENTLY



- **THE HUMAN SPIRIT** — The body without spirit is dead - (James 2:26)
- **An ATTITUDE** —
 - ▶ Bondage/Adoption —(Rom. 8:15)
 - ▶ Stupor —(Rom 11:8)
 - ▶ Antichrist —(1 Jn 4:3)
 - ▶ Truth —(1 John 4:6)
 - ▶ Meekness —(Gal 6:1)

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

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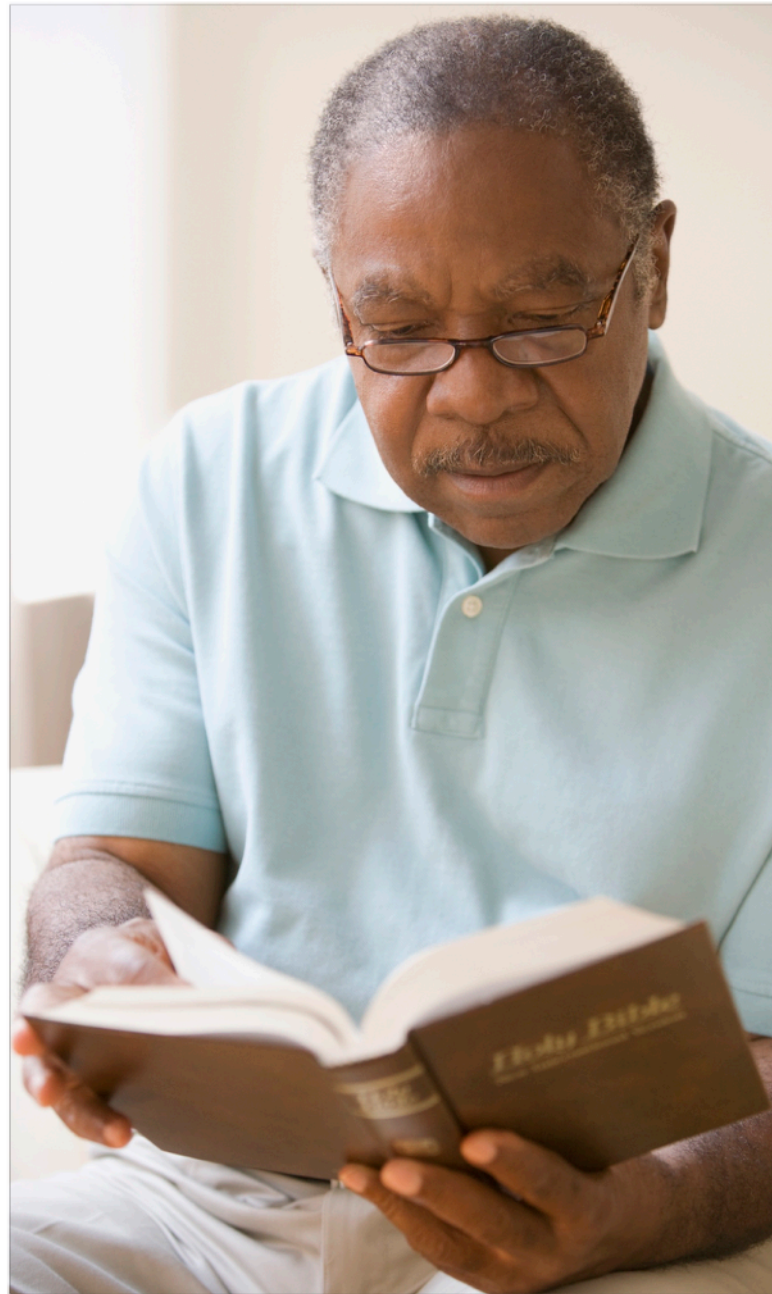


■ THE HOLY SPIRIT –

- ▶ Promised to the apostles by Jesus — (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13; etc.)
- ▶ Empowered the apostles & teachers - (Acts 2:1-4,17,33; 8:5-16)
- ▶ Revealed – (1 Peter 1:21; Eph. 3:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:16,17)
- ▶ Confirmed the apostles & prophets as God's spokesmen - (Heb. 2:4)

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



■ Definition: “PERSON”

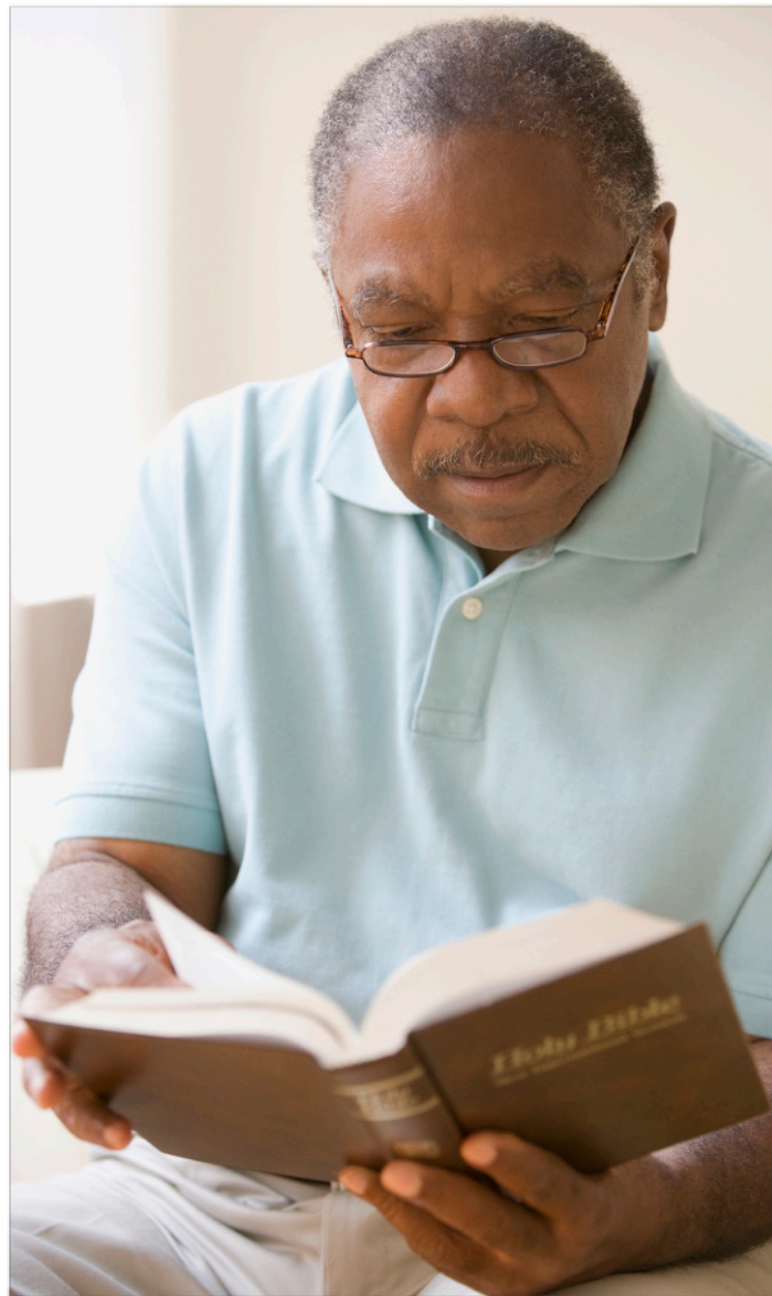
- ▶ “A self conscious rational being” (Webster Encyclopedic Unabridged dictionary English Language, 1989 edition, pg 1075).

■ Definition: “BEING”

- ▶ “in singular The nature or essence of a person.” — Oxford Dict.
- ▶ “Conscious existence” (Am. College Encycl. Dict.)

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



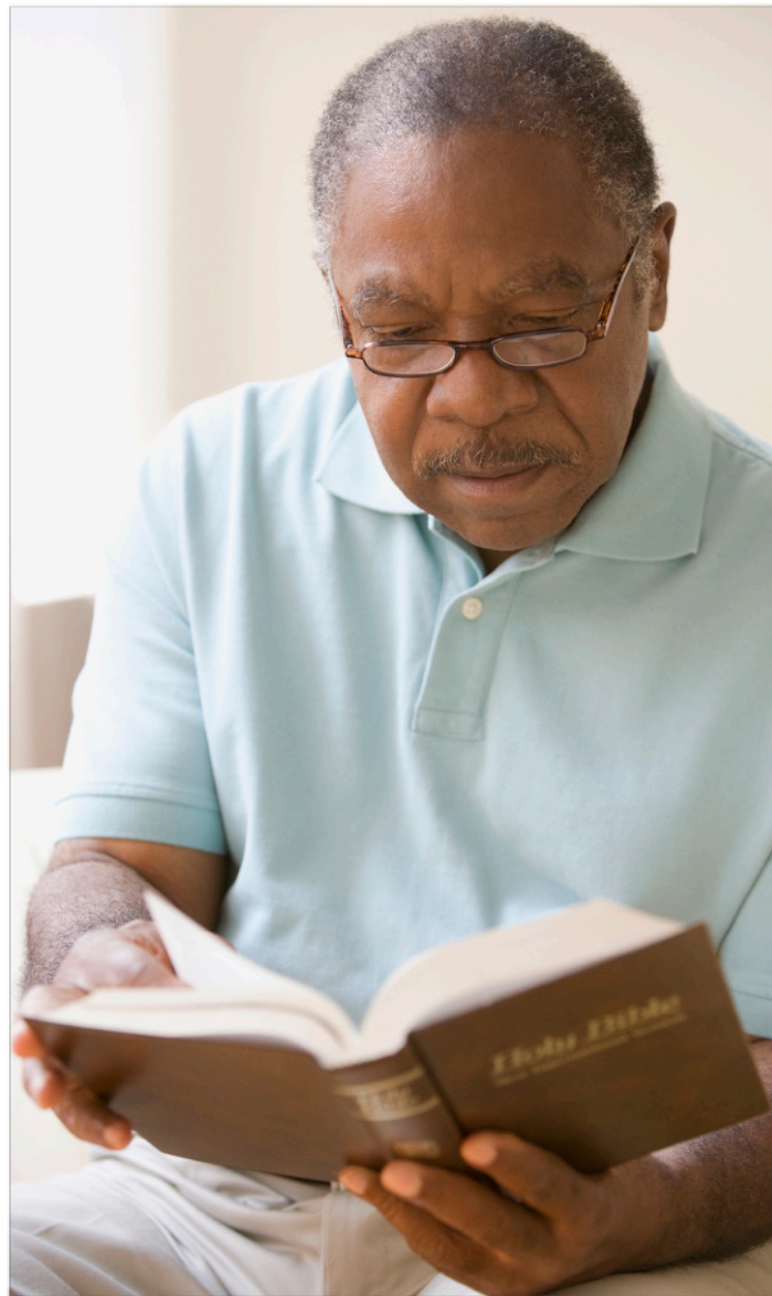
Basic Idea:

An Individual With
Conscious Existence

A “Person” With
“Life, Thought, Volition,
Action, Influence”

The **PERSON & NATURE** *of the* **Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



The Bible presents a **PERSON** as a substance that can do personal and relational things (such as speaking, thinking, feeling, acting). Something that does these personal things in relationship—like God, angels, and human beings—is a person. How does the Holy Spirit fare up under this criteria?

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”

John 14:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

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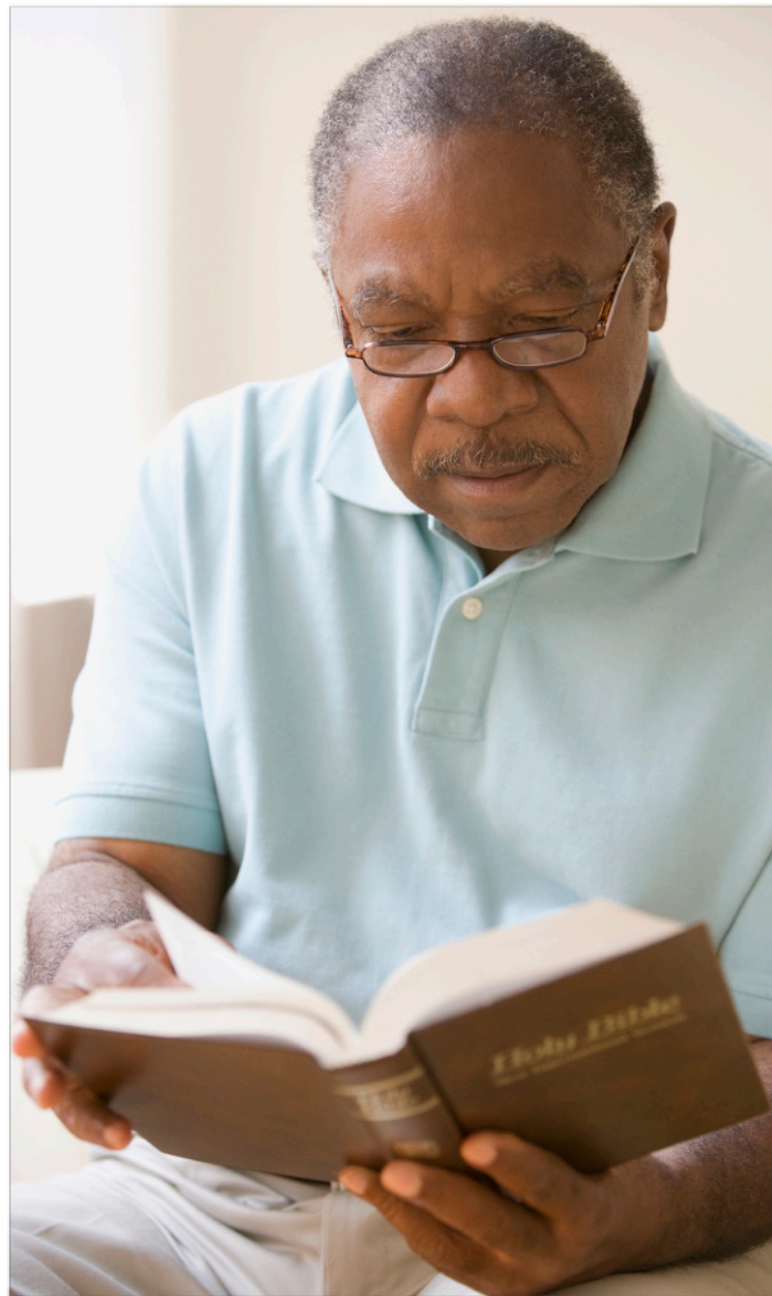
The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”

John 16:7–15 (NKJV)

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ... ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ...

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The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”

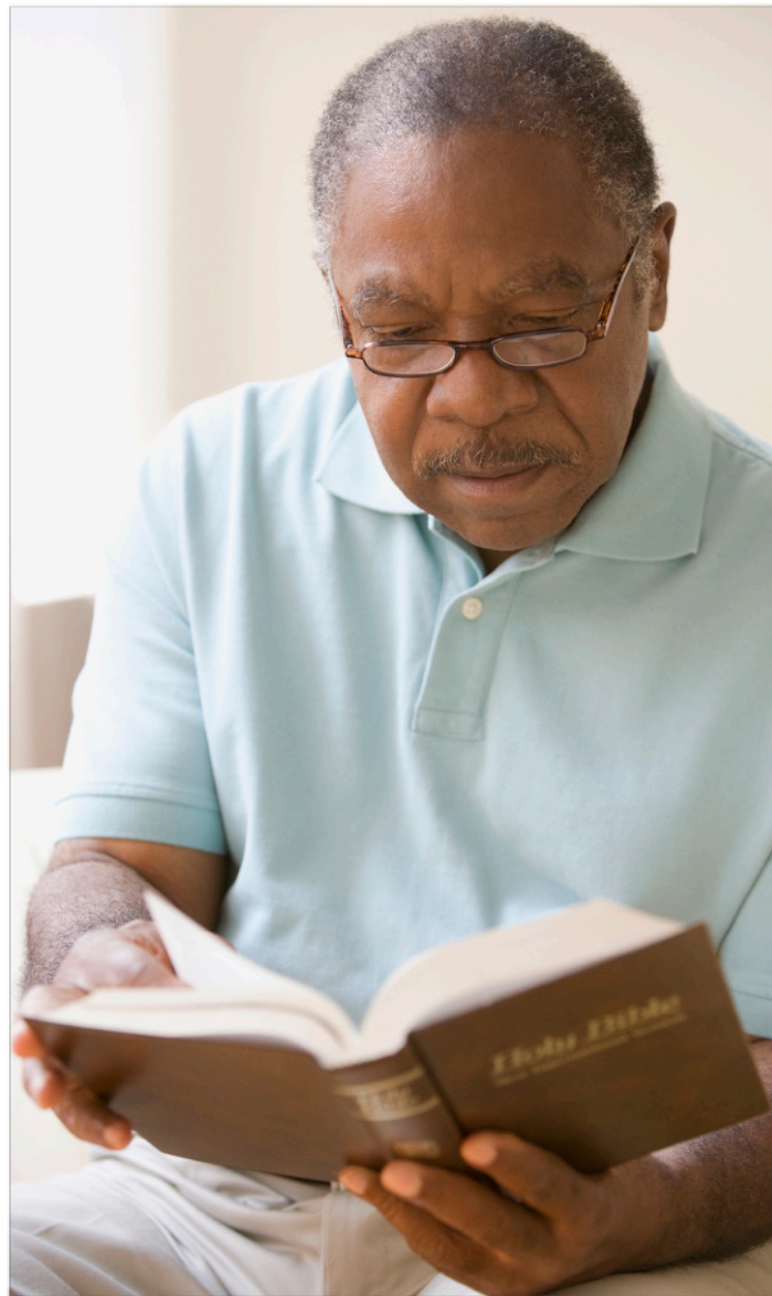


■ The Holy Spirit speaks

- ▶ He "expressly says" that some will depart from the faith - 1 Ti 4:1
- ▶ The Spirit spoke and gave directions to Philip - Ac 8:29
- ▶ He spoke to Peter and gave him charge concerning the Gentiles - Ac 10:19-20
- ▶ He spoke to the brethren at Antioch concerning Paul and Barnabas - Ac 13:1-4

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



■ The Holy Spirit teaches

- ▶ He was to teach the apostles all things - Jn 14:26

■ The Holy Spirit bears witness

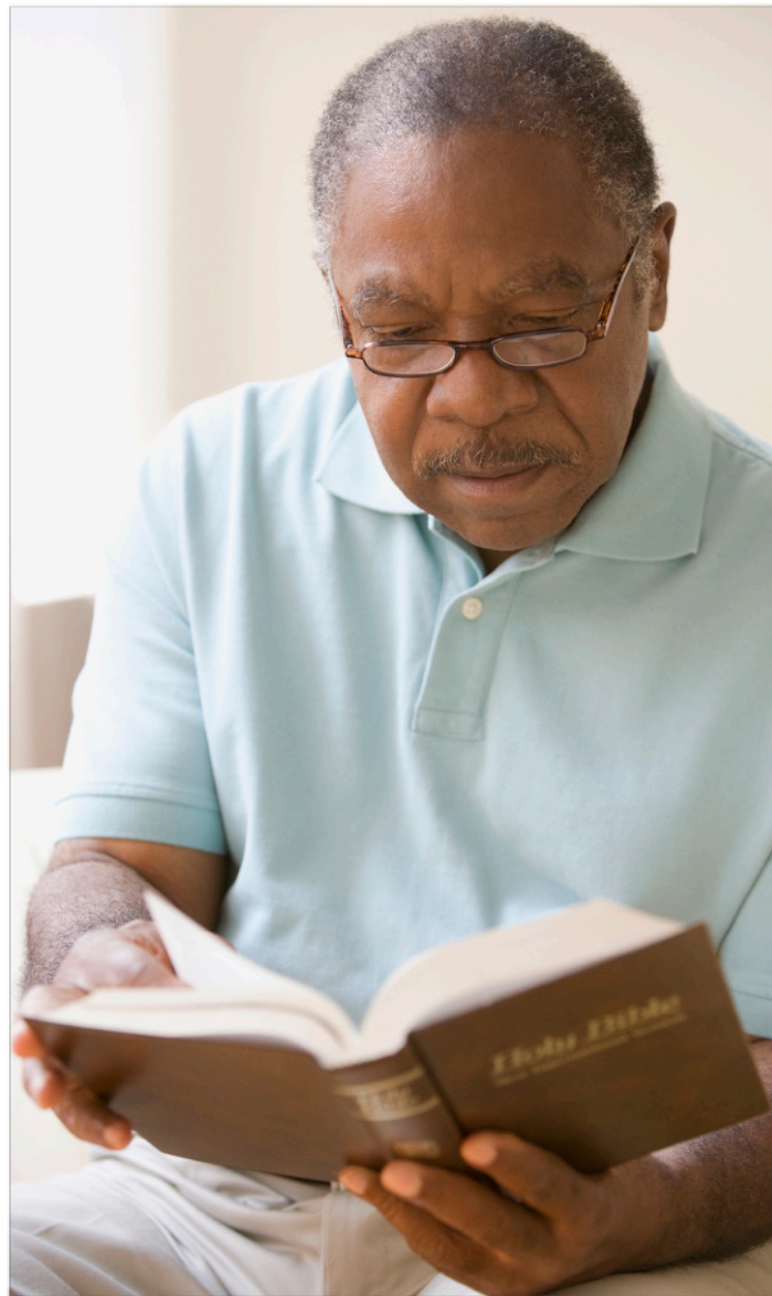
- ▶ He was to testify of Jesus - Jn 15:26-27 - (Just as the apostles, who were "personal beings")

■ The Holy Spirit guides, hears, tells ...

- ▶ He would carry on & complete the work started by Jesus - Jn 16:12-13

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



■ The Holy Spirit forbids

- ▶ He prevented Paul and his companions from going into certain areas of Asia - Ac 16:6-7

■ The Holy Spirit intercedes

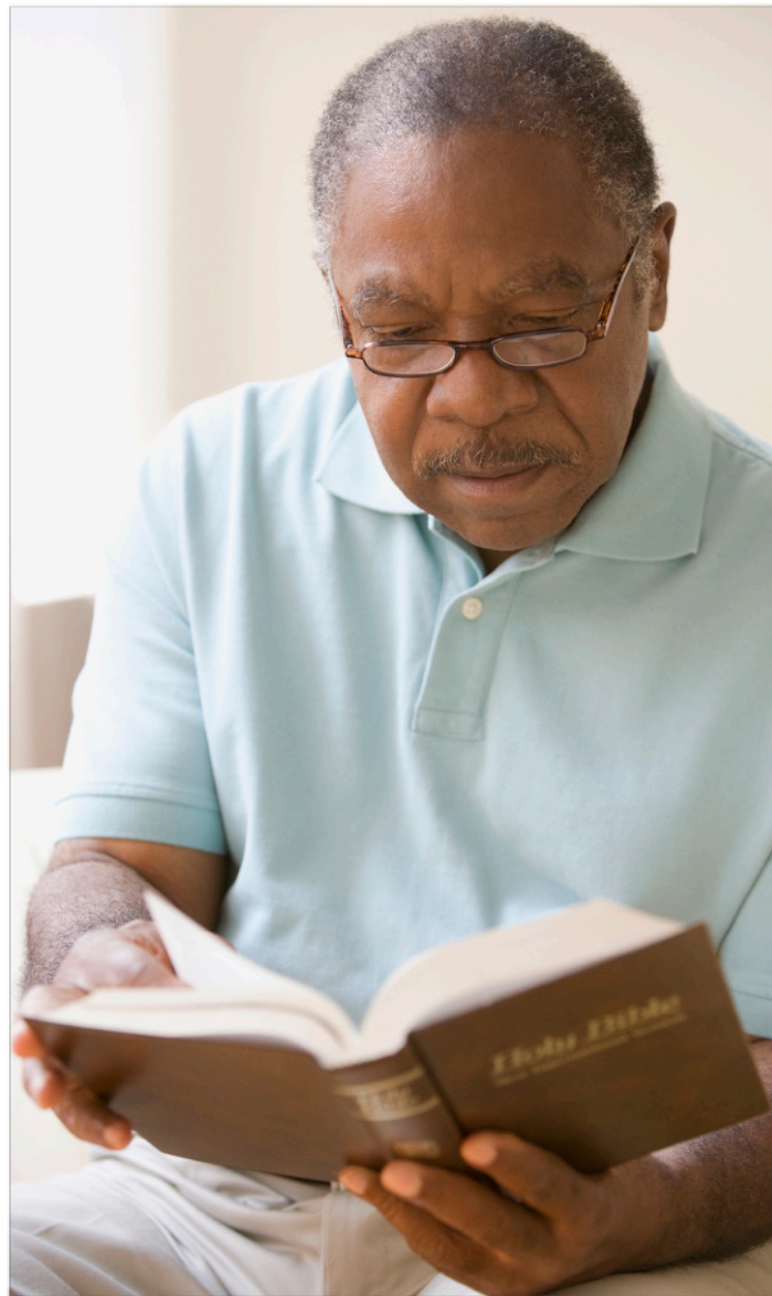
- ▶ The "Spirit Himself makes intercession for us" - Ro 8:26 (note Paul's use of the personal pronoun)

■ The Holy Spirit makes decisions. ...

- ▶ "... distributing to each one individually as He wills." 1 Cor 12:11

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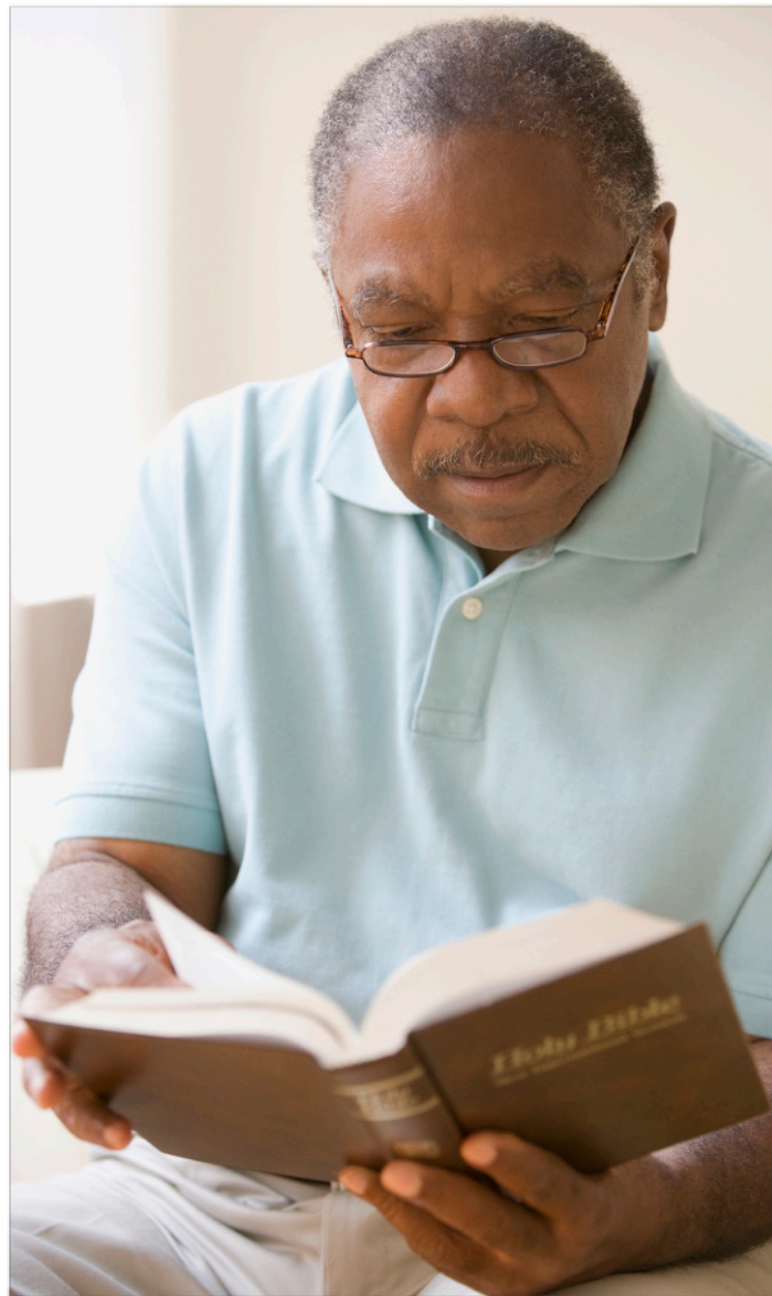
The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



- He has a mind (Rom 8:27)
- He has knowledge (1 Cor 2:11)
- He loves (Rom 15:30)
- He can be grieved (Eph 4:30)
- He can be blasphemed (Mt 12:31-32)
- He can be insulted (Heb 10:29)
- He can be lied to (Acts 5:3)
- He can be resisted (Acts 7:51-53)

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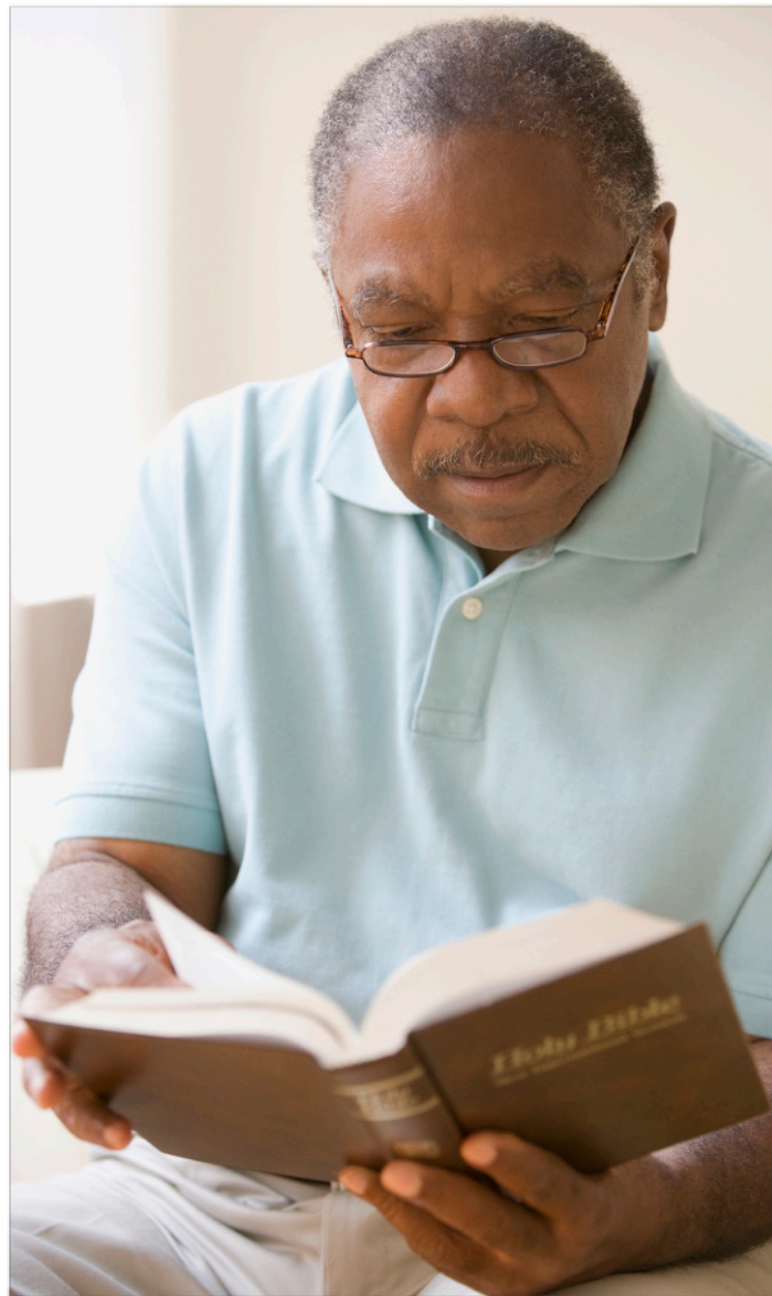
The Holy Spirit is A “PERSON”



Since the Holy Spirit can speak, teach, think, act, empower as He wills, can be grieved, angered and lied to - He **MUST** be a personal being, not a mere animating force!

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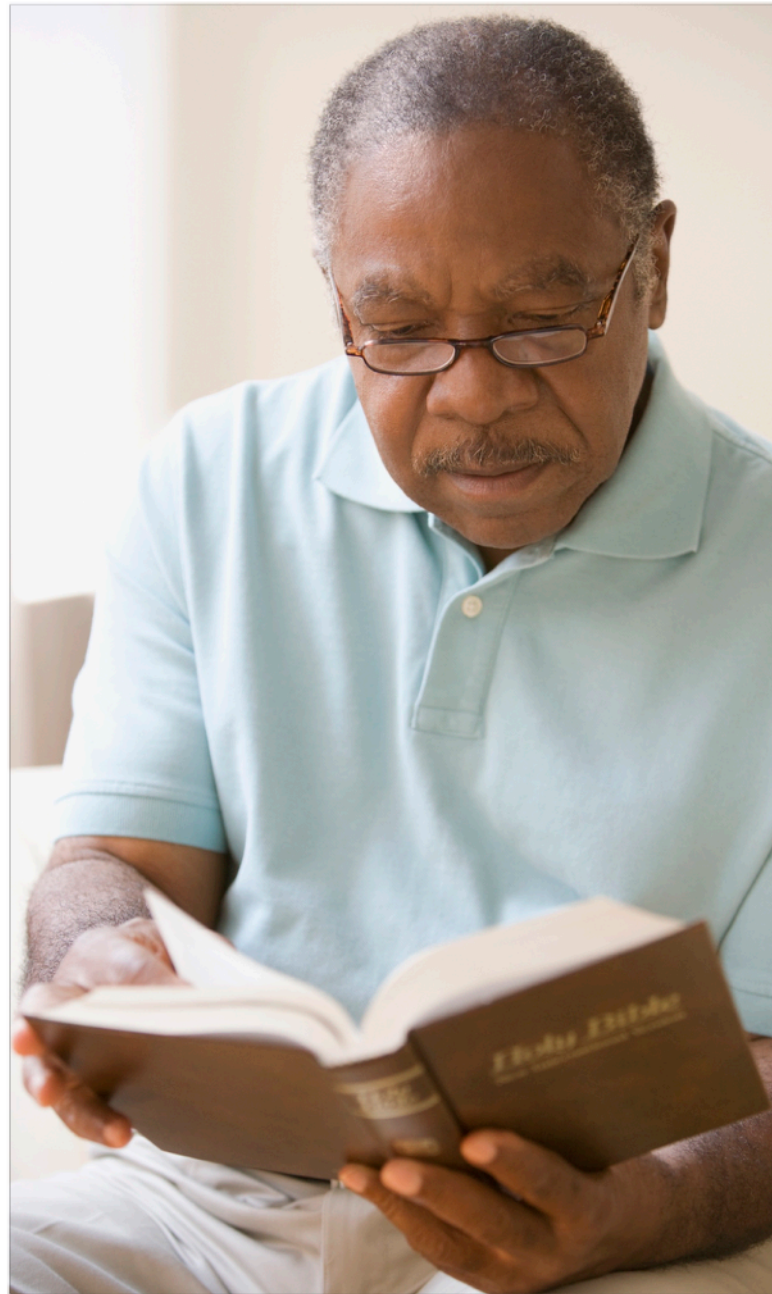
The Holy Spirit is a DIVINE “PERSON”



- But is this personal being also a supreme being? - Angels are personal beings, but not supreme beings
- What does the Bible say about the “NATURE” of the Holy Spirit?

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a DIVINE “PERSON”

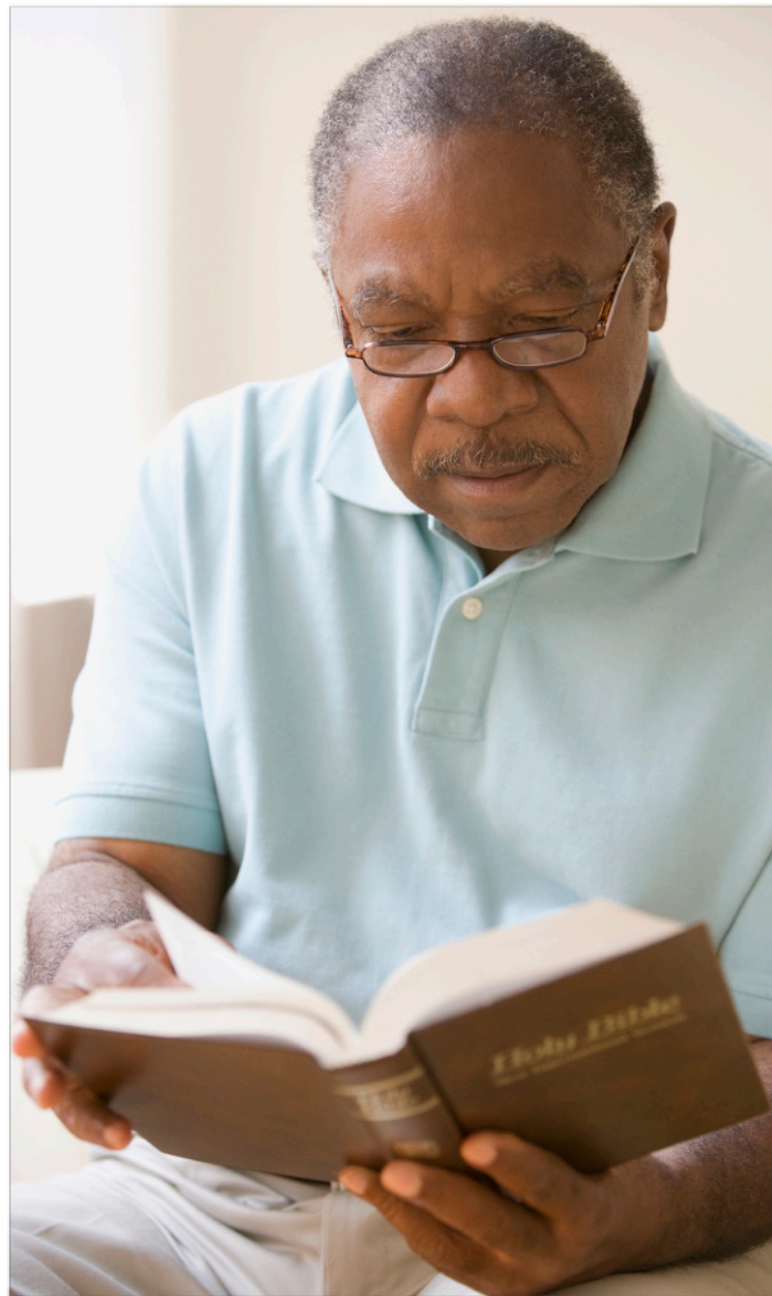


■ His attributes

- ▶ **Omniscient** (“all-knowing”) – “For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God ... no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.” — 1 Cor 2:10-11
- ▶ **Omnipresent** (“all-present”) – “Where can I go from Your Spirit?” Ps 139:7-10
- ▶ **Eternal** – “Who through the eternal Spirit ... ” — Heb 9:14

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a DIVINE “PERSON”

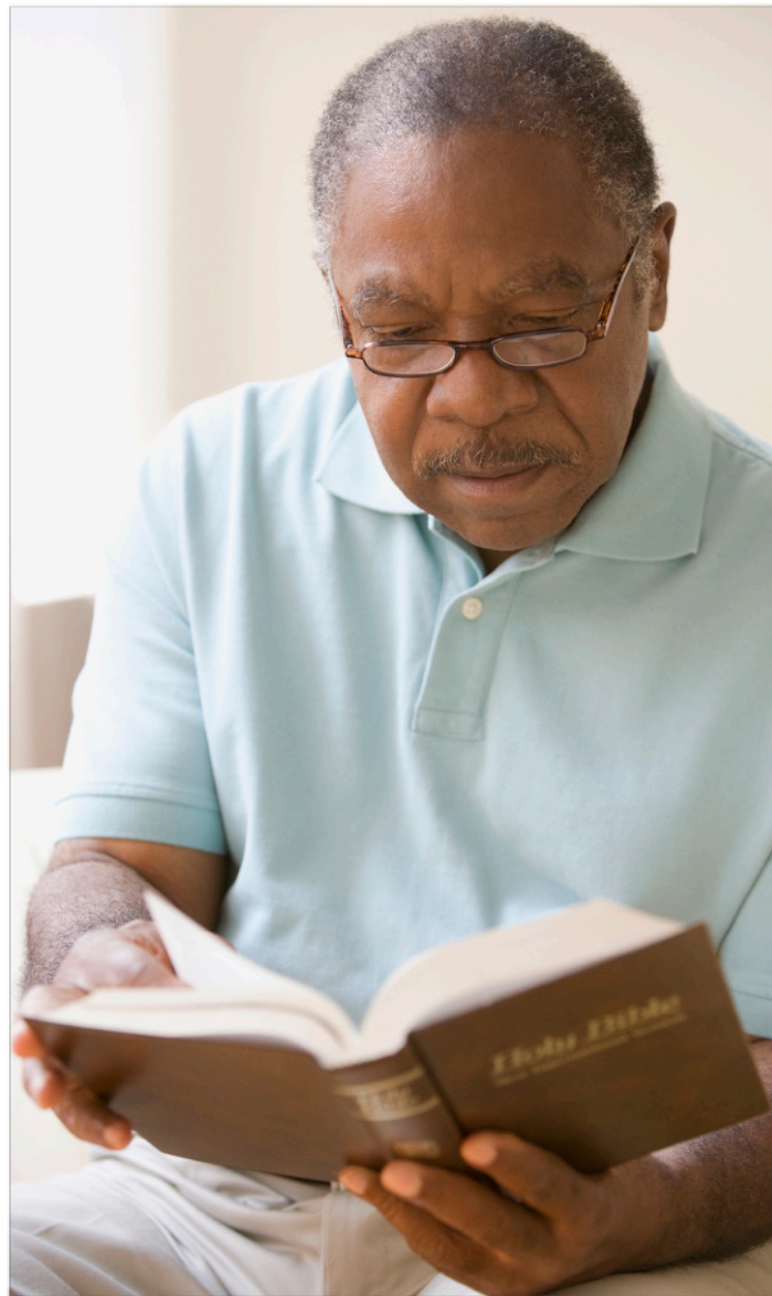


■ His WORKS

- ▶ He was involved in the "creation" of the world - Gen 1:2
- ▶ He was involved in the "working of miracles" - Ro 15:18-19
- ▶ He was involved in the "redemption" of man - He 9:14
- ▶ He is involved in the "regeneration" of man - John 3:3-5; Ti 3:4-6

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a DIVINE “PERSON”

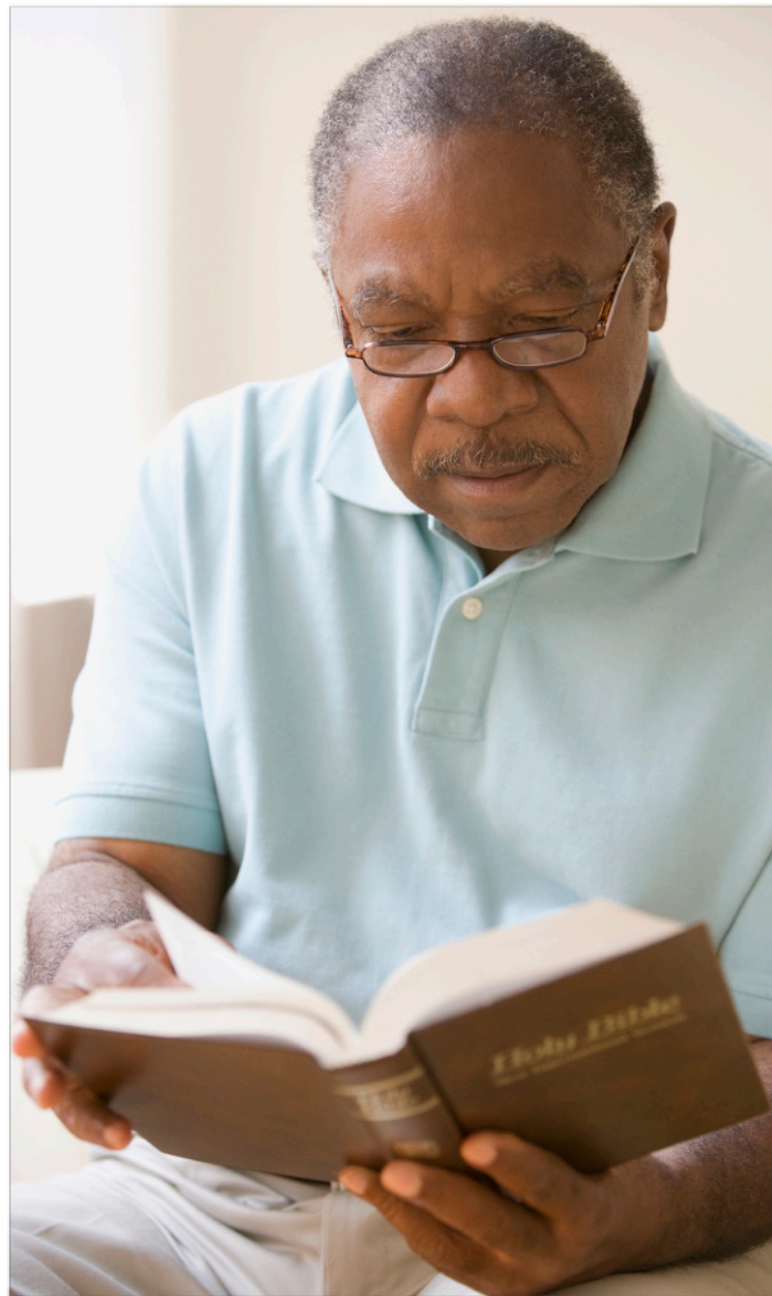


■ His DEITY

- ▶ Acts 5:3-4, — ³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit ... You have not lied to men but to God.”
- ▶ Acts 5:8 — “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?”
- ▶ Lying to the Holy Spirit = lying to God = testing the Spirit of the Lord”

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The FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT



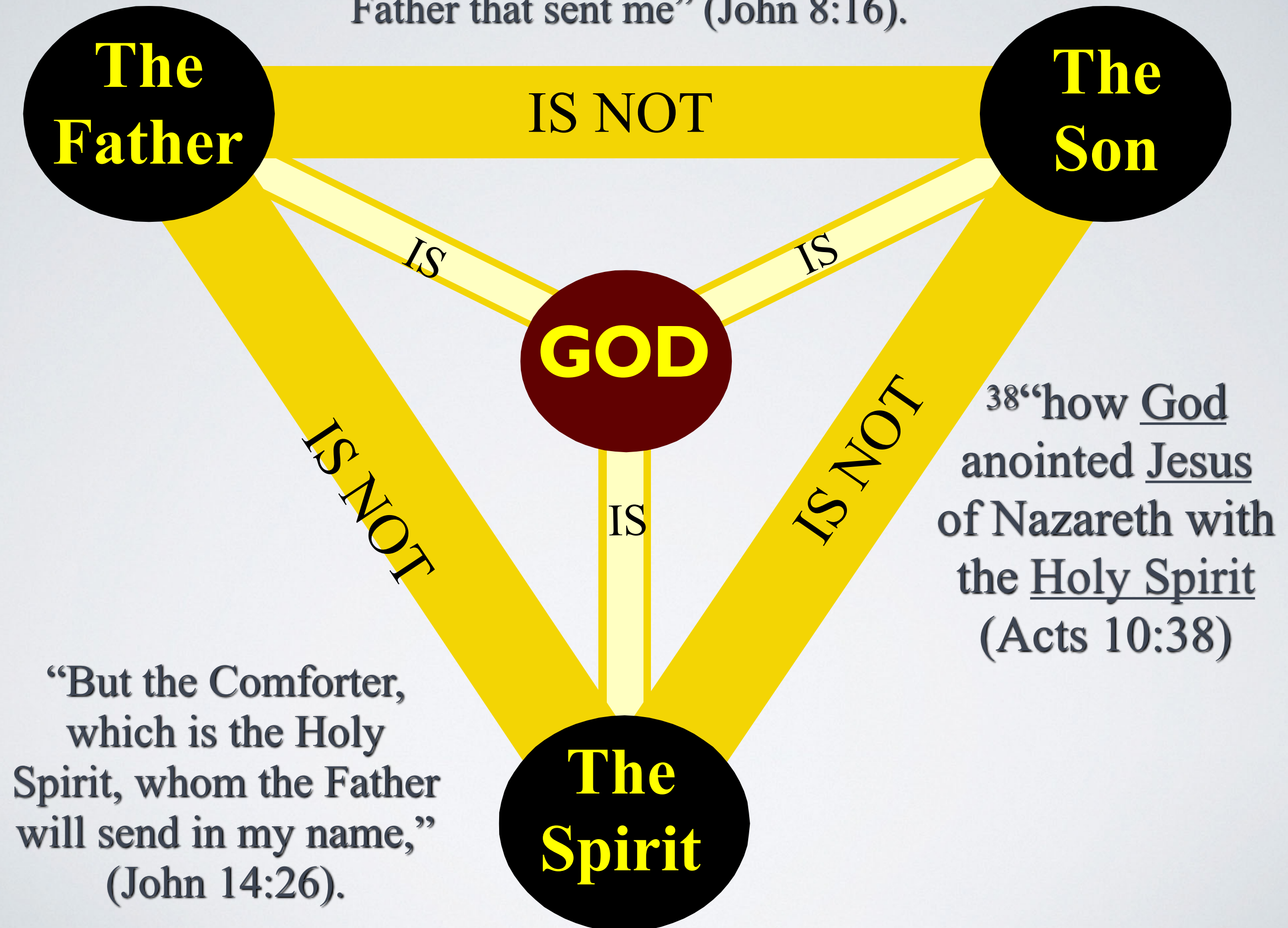
■ The NATURE of “GOD”

- ▶ What relationship does the Holy Spirit maintain with the Father and with Jesus Christ?

■ False, untenable views

- ▶ TRITHEISM - (3 God's)
- ▶ ARIANISM — (**Arius**, 300 A.D - The Father created the Son ...)
- ▶ SABELLIANISM — (**Sabellius**, 400 A.D)
God is **one person** - manifested Himself in three different modes

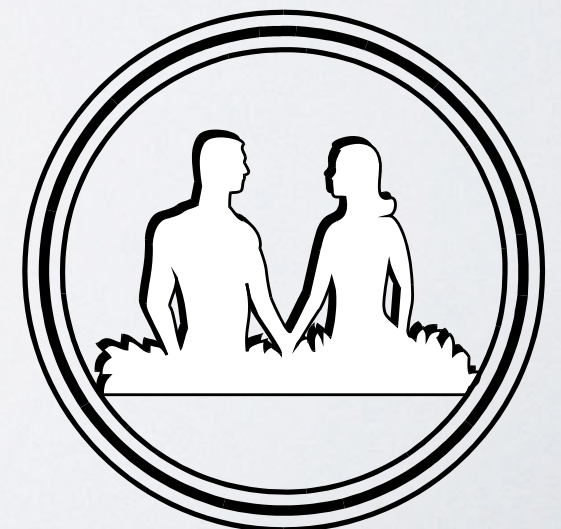
“And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me” (John 8:16).



The **PERSON & NATURE** *of the* **Holy Spirit**

ONE GOD (DIVINE NATURE)

- GOD - “ELOHIM said, let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness” (Gen. 1:26).
- “God” in Hebrew is always plural.
“ELOHIM” occurs over 2,500 times in the OT.



The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

ONE GOD (DIVINE NATURE)

ONE DEITY

Omniscient
Omnipotent
Omnipresent
Holy
Eternal
Etc.

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

ONE DIVINE NATURE
DISTINCT IN PERSON

MANY DEITIES



Zeus



Aphrodite



Apollo



Ares



Poseidon



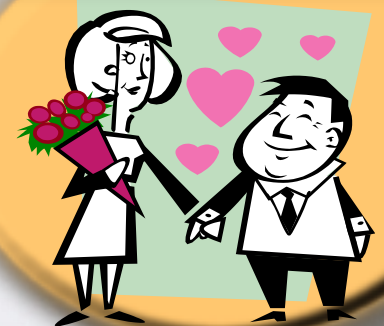
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All Distinct In Nature
All Imperfect

The PERSON & NATURE *of the* Holy Spirit

ONE GOD (DIVINE NATURE) NOT ONE PERSON

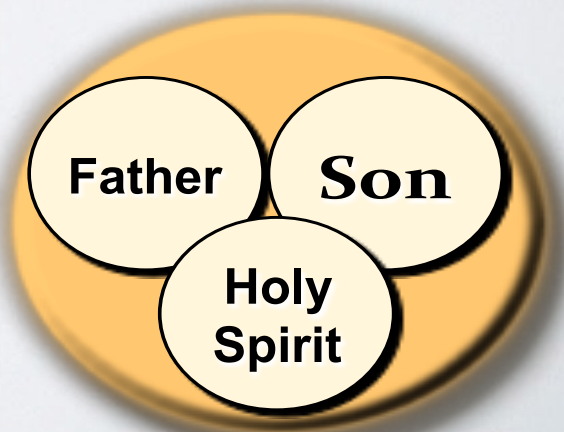
“they shall be
ONE *EHAD* flesh”
Gen. 2:24’



“we will become
ONE *EHAD* people”
Gen. 34:16



“The Lord our God
is ONE *EHAD* Lord”
Deut. 6:4



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Most misunderstanding is not so much “what the Holy Spirit does” but “HOW” He does it!

Let us accept, and be satisfied, with what the HOLY SPIRIT Says About Himself!!



THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit Is A Person –

He is a DIVINE Person!

**There is one God, (Divine Nature),
comprised of three distinct Divine
Persons – The Father, Son, & Holy
Spirit.**



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