

Roots Pt 2 Jesus and The Holy Spirit

I. Roots Pt. 1 recap

- A. Last time, we talked about The Bible and why we need it.
 - 1. We need the Bible because it's the ultimate truth.
 - 2. We need the Bible because it nourishes our spirit.
 - 3. All the words in the Bible are God's words
 - 4. The Bible makes it clear about how to become a Christian, live as a Christian, and grow as a Christian.
- B. We also talked about God (the Father).
 - 1. That God is knowable.
 - 2. He's eternal
 - 3. He's spirit
 - 4. He's omnipotent.
 - 5. He's holy, loving, and beautiful.
- C. Tonight we're going to talk about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

II. Who is Jesus?

- A. One of the most difficult things to understand about Jesus is that He is fully,

B. Fully man

- 1. Jesus was fully and completely human.
- 2. He was born of a human mother and conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)
- 3. His body was a human body just like ours.
 - a) _____ (John 4:6)
 - b) He got hungry (Matthew 4:2) and thirsty (John 19:28)
- 4. Jesus rose from the dead in a physical body and _____.
 - a) It's a body not subject to death or disease.
 - b) In Luke 24:39 Jesus says, "Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."
- 5. His mind was like ours
 - a) He learned as other children do and "increased in wisdom" (Luke 2:52)
- 6. He felt the full _____.
 - a) He "marveled at the faith of the centurion" in Matthew 8:10.
 - b) We wept at the death of his friend in John 11:35
 - c) He prayed with loud cries and tears according to Hebrews 5:7
 - d) He felt sorrow in Matthew 26:38
- 7. He was just like us, except that _____.
 - a) Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin."
- 8. He had to be fully human to _____.
 - a) Hebrews 2:17-18 says, "Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested."

C. Fully God

1. Colossians 2:9 tells us, “For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.”
2. In Revelation 22:13 Jesus says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
 - a) God The Father said _____ Revelation 1:8.
3. Isaiah declared that Jesus’ government will never end. (Isaiah 9:7)
4. Philippians 2:9-11 says, “Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
5. If Jesus were not fully God, he could not have _____

D. Fully God and Fully Man in One Person

1. He was fully both at the same time. (That’s a hard one to wrap your brain around!)
2. He forever joined Himself to _____.
3. By eternally bringing together both the infinite and finite, He changed the course of history forever.

III. Who is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is God, Just as Jesus and God the Father are God.

1. Genesis chapter one tells us that the Holy Spirit was there when _____
2. In 2nd Corinthians 13:14, Paul prays that “the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

B. The Holy Spirit is a _____, like Jesus and God the Father.

1. Often times, the Holy Spirit is referred to as an “it”, when we should be saying “He”.
2. John 16:13 says, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.”
3. Because He’s not some impersonal force, we can have _____ (2nd Corinthians 13:14)

C. He illuminates God’s word for us. (Helps us to understand it)

1. 1st Corinthians 2:10-12 says, “But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. ¹² And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.”

D. The Holy Spirit empowers us through, what we call, the _____

1. The first recorded experience of this was in Acts 2:2-4, “Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”
2. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we receive different gifts.
 - a) 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 says, “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a

message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.”

- E. The Holy Spirit is our _____
1. He helps us to pray the right way, according to Romans 8:26-27.
 2. He helps us to _____ when we face persecution.
 - a) Mark 13:11 says, “But when you are arrested and stand trial, don’t worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”
 3. He strengthens us when we’re weak, according to Romans 8:26.
- F. The Holy Spirit helps us to _____
1. Philippians 2:12-13 says, “Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”
 - a) As we strive to live right (to be holy), the Holy Spirit helps us to live right.