

Meeting the Holy Spirit
Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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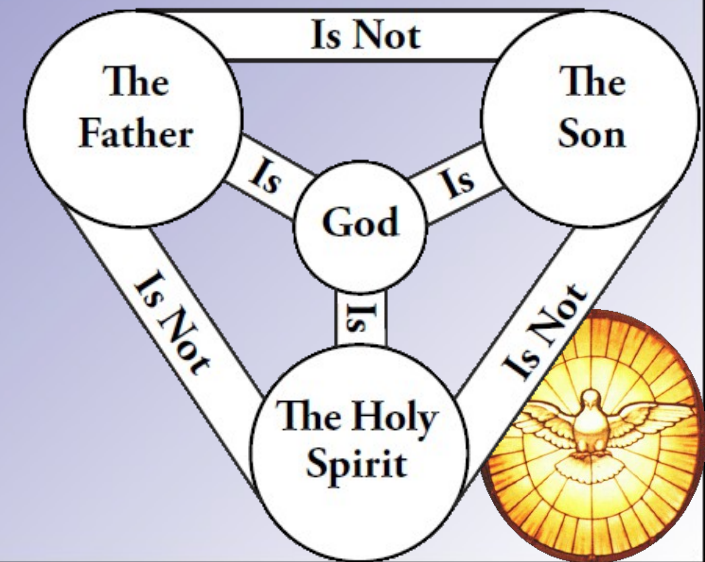
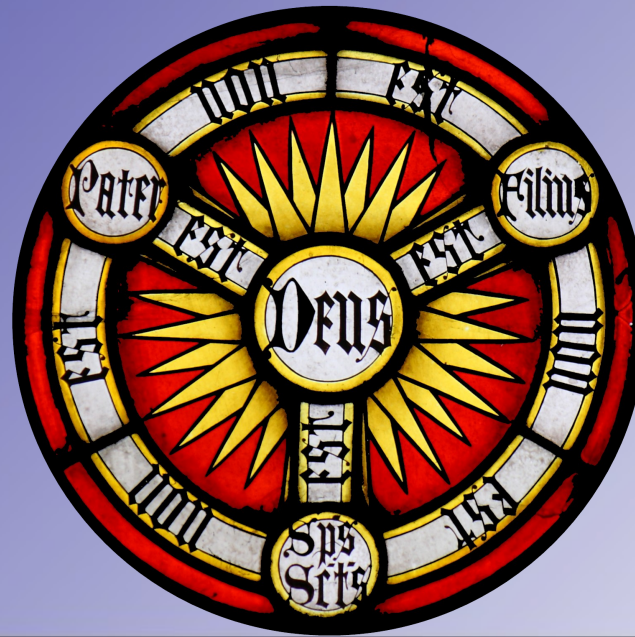
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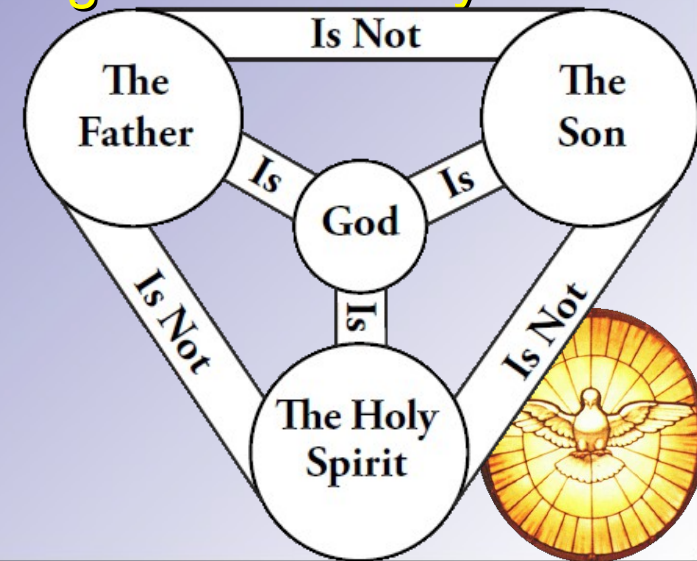
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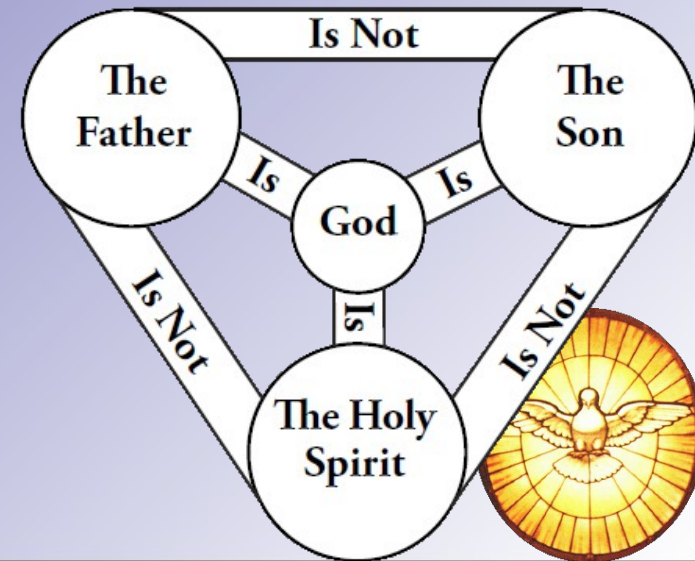
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 - How are these Persons clearly interactively working in concerted effort with one another?
 - How are they clearly acting in *distinct* ways?



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 - How are we expected to be interacting with the Trinity in response to this new life “according to the Spirit” that we’re living?
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 - What is the distinction being made here?
 - How does that work its way out in everyday life?
 - What does it mean that our minds are to be “*controlled* by the Spirit”—how does *that* work?
 - That's actually a misleading translation—it's just the same word used in vs. 5 for having our “minds set on” the Spirit's desires (φρονέω or *phroneō* [literally “minding”])
 - So what's the distinction that Paul keeps making in vs. 5-6 about what we gauge our thinking by and what the net results are?



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 - What detail(s) do you find the most interesting in these verses?
 - For those reading in the NIV, “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit” is again a bit of a misleading translation
 - In the original Greek, Paul simply says, “You, however, are not *in* the flesh but *in* the Spirit”
 - Is that stronger or weaker than saying that you are *controlled* by the sinful nature or *controlled* by the Spirit? How so?



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 - What sorts of “point-counterpoint” dichotomies do you see presented here in Romans 8:1-10?
 - Why do you think that Paul keeps presenting this “new life in the Spirit” in contrasting philosophical couplets?
 - How does what Paul is saying here jive with what Jesus was telling Nicodemus back in John 3:14-21, or what Paul preaches to us in 1 Corinthians 2:14?



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 - **Paul says that some people are living in the sinful nature, while others are living in the Holy Spirit—what's the *third* option presented in vs. 6-10?**
 - How does that work its way out in everyday life? How does that affect how you live and how you make your own personal decisions? Given *these* verses, would you say that living out our “new life” is a required obligation for us as Christians? Why or why not?



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 - How do you see the Trinity interacting in this verse—and interacting with us?

If the Spirit of

Him who raised

Jesus from the dead

is living in you,

He who raised

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will also give life to your mortal bodies

through his Spirit,

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IMPORTANT SAFETY TIP:

- Is this *you* living the right way and putting to death the wrong ways, or is it the power of the *Holy Spirit* doing all of that? And how does that work?



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 - How does all of this jive with what Jesus told Nicodemus about being “born of water and the Spirit” in John 3:5, the prophecy in Ezekiel 18:31, how Peter responded to the crowd's question in Acts 2:37-38, etc.?
 - How would you summarize this consistent Biblical thought to someone who knows nothing about any of this?

