

Pop Quiz

- Which Person of the Trinity do you think most people tend to feel the *least* connection to, relationship with, or clear conception of... and why is that?
 - If it's primarily a natural ripple effect of having no clear mental picture because the Holy Spirit has no physical form to conceptualize, then how is the *Father* physically described in Scripture?
 - For that matter, how is *Jesus* physically described in Scripture?
 - Why do we often have such clear (albeit not necessarily Biblical) mental pictures of *those* Persons of the Trinity, but not the Holy Spirit?



Pop Quiz

- Which Person of the Trinity do you think most people tend to feel the *least* connection to, relationship with, or clear conception of... and why is that?
 - If it's primarily a natural ripple effect of having no clear mental picture because the Holy Spirit has no physical form to conceptualize, then how is the *Father* physically described in Scripture?
 - In the Old Testament, the word for "Spirit" ("רוּחַ" or "*ruach*") is grammatically feminine in form, and in the New Testament, the word for "Spirit" ("πνεῦμα" or "*pneuma*") is grammatically neuter in form but Jesus repeatedly breaks with proper grammar to refer to the Spirit as a "He" (*John 16:13-14, etc.*)
 - Why might that be...?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- *The Spirit Before Pentecost*
- *The Explosion at Pentecost*
- *New Life in the Spirit*
- *The Spirit and the Flesh*
- *Where the Rubber Hits the Road*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit*
- *One Last Overview*



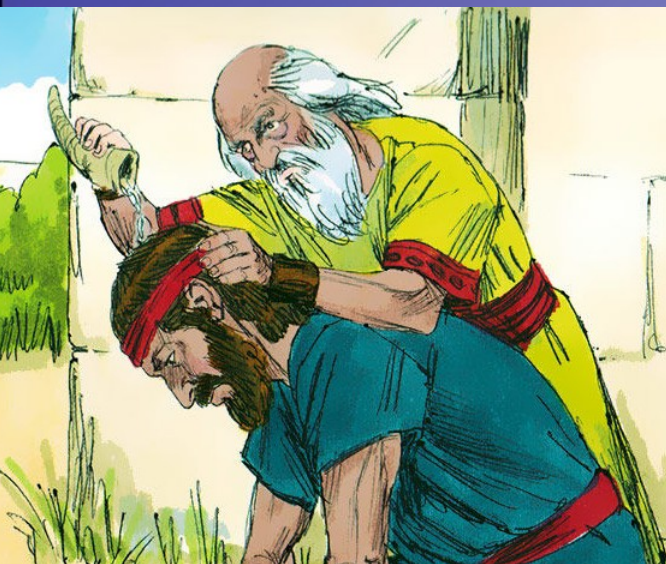
Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - How early was He actively involved in things?
 - What kind(s) of giftings do we see the Spirit providing in the Old Testament?
 - In what way(s) were these gifts what we'd usually think of today, and how were they different?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - How early was He actively involved in things?
 - What kind(s) of giftings do we see the Spirit providing in the Old Testament?
 - Read 1 Samuel 10:1, 5-7
 - What different sorts of things do we see God doing here with Saul?
 - He's choosing and living *with* Saul in vs. 1 and 7
 - He's telling Saul's future in vs. 5
 - He's empowering Saul in vs. 6
 - He's changing Saul in vs. 6
 - Which of these things can the Holy Spirit *still* do in our *own* lives today?
 - Which of these things do we *expect* the Holy Spirit to still do in our own lives today?



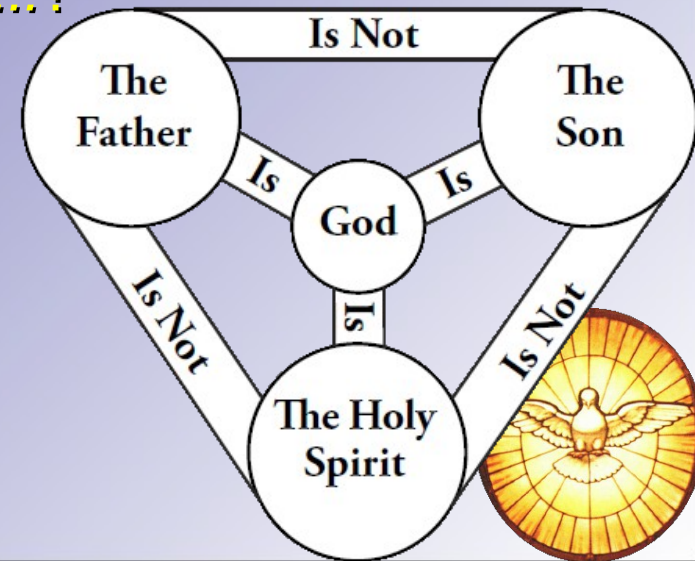
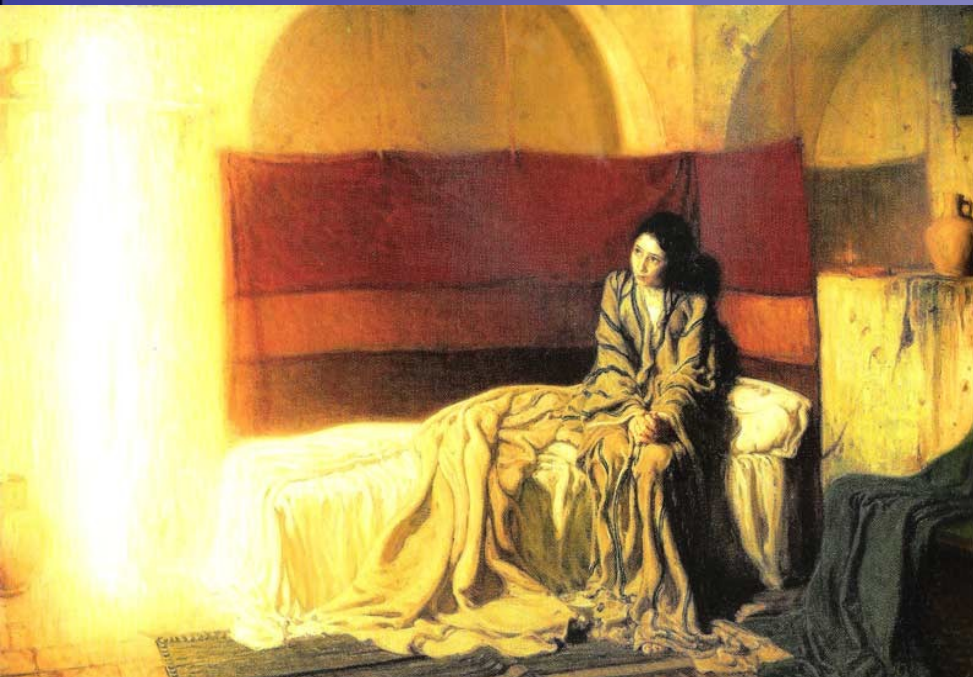
Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - How early was He actively involved in things?
 - What kind(s) of giftings do we see the Spirit providing in the Old Testament?
 - Read 1 Samuel 10:1, 5-7
 - When we think of the Holy Spirit loving and protecting His people, but also being grieved by them and standing against them in righteous anger (i.e.; in verses like Isaiah 63:9-14), does that affect our perceptions of Him?
 - How does that begin to point to the work of the Holy Spirit starting in the New Testament?



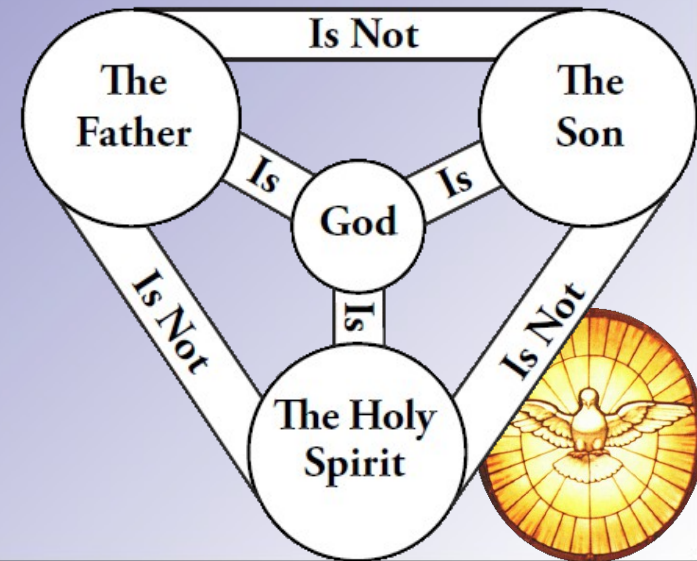
Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How *exactly* are we told that Mary came to be pregnant?
 - How does this echo what we've *already* seen the Spirit doing in verses like Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Psalm 104:29-30, etc.?
 - So why is it significant that this *Son* of the *Father* is going to be conceived by the *Spirit*...?



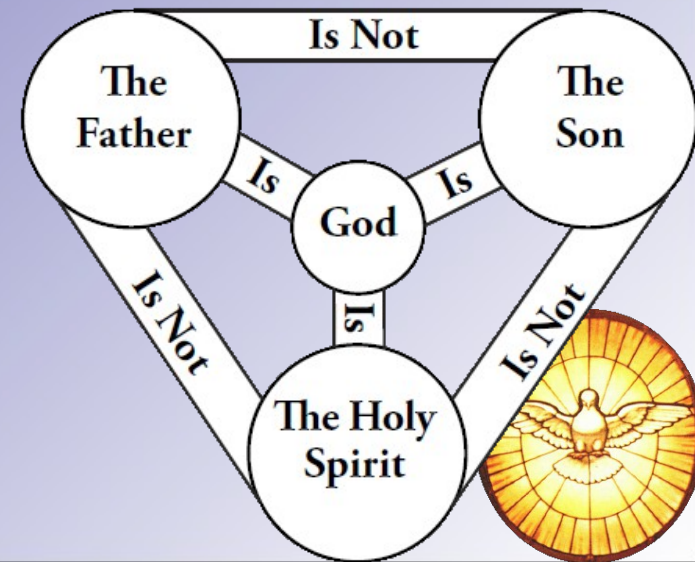
Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How *exactly* are we told that Mary came to be pregnant?
 - How was the Spirit active in Christ's baptism?
(and help me out here—what was Jewish baptism all about, anyway?)



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How *exactly* are we told that Mary came to be pregnant?
 - How was the Spirit active in Christ's baptism?
 - And what was the very next thing that the Spirit did *following* that baptism?
 - So does the Holy Spirit act to affirm and support those whom He loves, or to lead us into potentially painful situations in life?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How exactly are we told that Mary came to be pregnant?
 - How was the Spirit active in Christ's baptism?
 - What exactly happened at Pentecost?
 - So no believers had received the Holy Spirit into themselves *prior* to Pentecost?
 - If Christ had breathed His Spirit into people back in John 20:20-22, then what is the significance of this subsequent *baptism* in the Spirit?
 - Is that baptism something that we should desire today? Why or why not, and how so?
 - How is this “new life from death” expressed in baptism totally in keeping with everything that we've seen from the Holy Spirit, even in the Old Testament?
 - How did He change *Peter*?
 - How should He be working in and through *us today*?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - Why does the Spirit give us *new* life through *new* birth—or, why can't the Spirit just give you *improvement* in your *existing* life? Why does something have to die?
 - How is this *new* life supposed to be fundamentally different from your *old* life?
 - How do *you personally* still too often feel conformed to the shape of this world instead of being transformed by the Holy Spirit?
 - Or is it okay to have a little bit of both?
 - Paul says that some people are controlled by the sinful nature, while others are controlled by the God's Spirit—so what's the *third* option?
 - How does that work out in everyday life?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - Why does the Spirit give us *new* life through *new* birth—or, why can't the Spirit just give you *improvement* in your *existing* life? Why does something have to die?
 - How is this *new* life supposed to be fundamentally different from your *old* life?
 - How do *you personally* still too often feel conformed to the shape of this world instead of being transformed by the Holy Spirit?
 - Paul also calls Him the “Spirit of adoption,” by whom we as Christians have been changed into adopted children of God—so can a child be *sort* of legally adopted into more than one family?
 - How do we as Christians still too often functionally live like that?

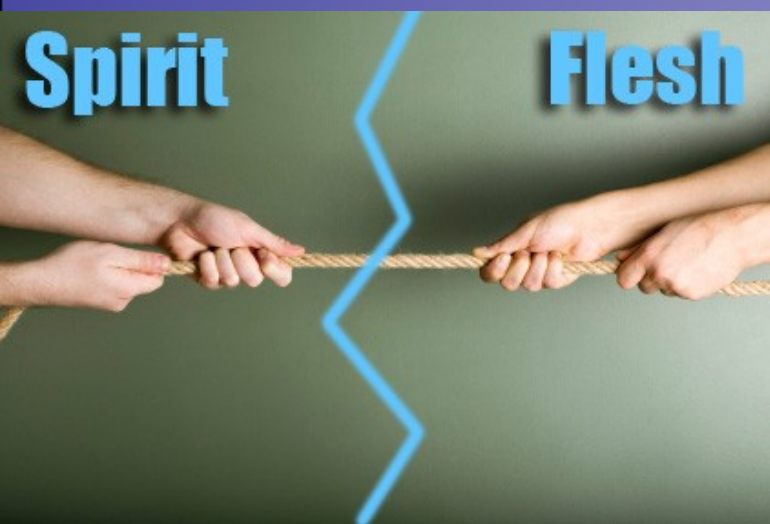
EITHER

OR



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - How does Paul describe that ongoing battle for us as Christians between “transforming” and “conforming”?
 - In Romans 8:8-16, how does the Spirit help us with our battle between our Godly spirits and our natural, fleshly inclination to sin?



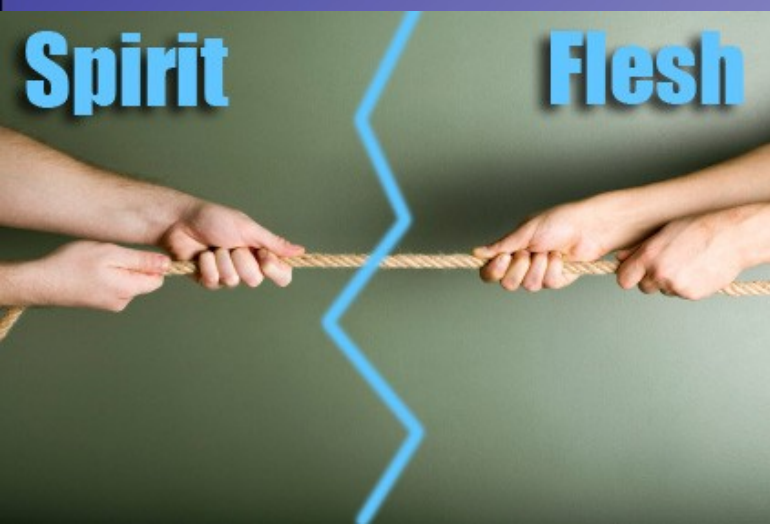
- 1) He enables you to put to death your *sinful* deeds done in the flesh
- 2) Leads you and gives personal direction
- 3) Acts as a spirit of adoption by whom we—as beloved children—can cry, “Abba, Father!”
- 4) Testifies with your *own* spirit that you *genuinely* are God's child

What sort of character do you see in Him through His actions in these verses?



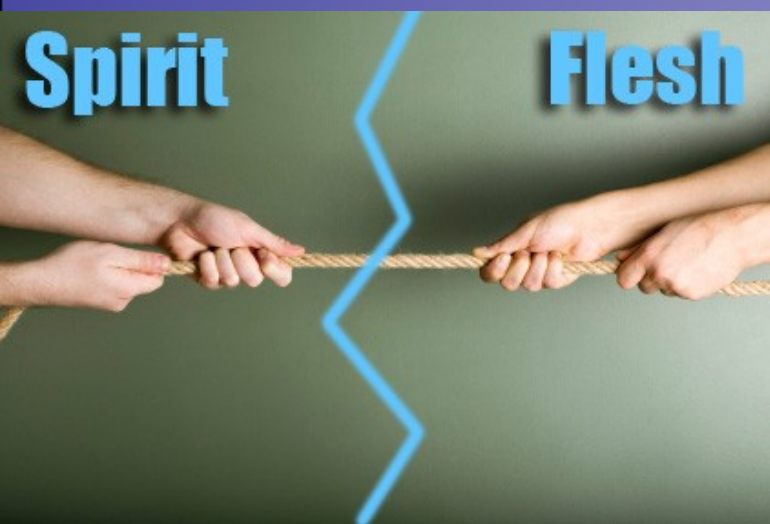
Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - How does Paul describe that ongoing battle for us as Christians between “transforming” and “conforming”?
 - In Romans 8:8-16...
 - In Galatians 5:13-16, how does Paul sum up the Law and the leading of the Holy Spirit?
 - How is what they were doing to one another *antithetical* to the Christian life?
(i.e.; how is that living according to your *fleshly* nature and *not* according to the leading of the *Holy Spirit* within you?)



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - How does Paul describe that ongoing battle for us as Christians between “transforming” and “conforming”?
 - In Romans 8:8-16...
 - In Galatians 5:13-16, how does Paul sum up the Law and the leading of the Holy Spirit?
 - How is what they were doing to one another *antithetical* to the Christian life?
 - How can we still too often live as though we believe that biting and devouring one another is still okay for Christians to do?
(i.e.; we're quick to criticize, judge, and grouse about one another, but do unsolicited praises and encouraging words come as quickly to your heart and lips?)



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - How does Paul describe that ongoing battle for us as Christians between “transforming” and “conforming”?
 - In Romans 8:8-16...
 - In Galatians 5:13-16...
 - In 1 Corinthians 13, why does Paul interrupt his own discussion of spiritual gifts to talk about love?
 - If chapter 13 *isn't* an interruption—if it's literally the *heart* of *why* he's writing chapters 12-14 about the spiritual gifts in the *first* place—then how is that consistent with everything that we've just been talking about, in terms of the Holy Spirit's basic character, His work in us, His work *through* us, and how we should live that out today?
 - How should we live that out *tomorrow*?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit was pretty active before Pentecost
 - Why is it that when most people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the Old Testament?
 - What do you remember about the Spirit's actions in the New Testament—*prior* to Pentecost?
 - How had Christ expressed this “new life in the Spirit” to people during His ministry?
 - How does Paul describe that ongoing battle for us as Christians between “transforming” and “conforming”?
 - What element(s) about what we've learned in this course have stood out the most to you, personally?
 - So how can *all* of us consciously and actively work to live out our personal relationships with the Holy Spirit more vibrantly and healthily today?

