

## Trinity 16

- I. Session 21: The Role of The Trinity in Salvation Part 3: The Spirit
- a. Overview: The previous session covered the role of the Father in the salvation for sinners.
  - b. Purpose: We shall now see how the Trinity's work to bring about salvation for sinners specifically with the role of the Spirit and how His accomplishment relates to the Father and the Son.
  - c. The Spirit is involved with conviction of sins
    - i. What the Spirit Does: : *"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;" (John 16:8)*
      1. This is talking about the Holy Spirit.
      2. The Holy Spirit "*convict the world*"
        - a. "*Convict*" means to convince.
        - b. The Spirit "*convinces*" the world "*concerning sin*"
        - c. Note it is not merely rebuking but actually showing the person to themselves that they are sinful.
    - ii. How does it relate to other members of the Trinity?
      1. Spirit convicts the world of sin according to the plan of the Father.
      2. The Holy Spirit also "*convict the world concerning ... righteousness,*" with that righteousness explained in **John 16:10** as related to the Son Jesus.
  - d. The Spirit is involved with Regeneration
    - i. Definition: This is the activity of the Holy Spirit in which a believer is made spiritually new to respond to God.
    - ii. We are dead to the things of God when we are in sin
      1. *"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually [g]appraised."* (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
        - a. Notice the natural man can't accept spiritual things of God.
        - b. There is a lack of understanding.
      2. *"And you [a]were dead [b]in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the [c]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, [d]indulging the desires of the flesh and of the [e]mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest."* (**Ephesians 2:1-3**)
        - a. We are dead to the things of God.
        - b. This verse shows that spiritually we are spiritual zombies
    - iii. What the Spirit Does
      1. *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* (**John 3:6**)
        - a. To be spiritual require being born of the Spirit.
        - b. Analogous to one who is of flesh is born of flesh.
      2. *"He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,"* (**Titus 3:5**)
        - a. This is talking about salvation: *"He saved us"*
        - b. Salvation is not by works: *"not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness,"*

- c. The means: “*by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*”
- iv. How does it relate to other members of the Trinity?
  - 1. Again this is done in light of the predestination of God the Father in His role for our salvation.
  - 2. God also made a promise of the activity of regeneration hundreds of years before Jesus’s advent in Ezekiel: “*Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh*” (Ezekiel 36:26)
    - a. Who among the God head said this? Next verse: “*27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*” (Ezekiel 36:27)
- e. The Spirit is involved with pointing believers to Christ for salvation (see Session 16).  
How does it relate to other members of the Trinity? Spirit points to the Son.
- f. The Spirit is involved with sealing: “*In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also [r]believed, you were sealed in [s]Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*” (Ephesians 1:13)