

We are also saying that the Holy Spirit is an infinite, eternal, and unchangeable spirit.

And we are saying that the Spirit of God is a spirit who is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, His wisdom, His power, His holiness, His justice, His goodness, and His truth.

The Spirit of God is spoken of as the third person of the Trinity. What do we mean by the "Trinity"?

God is a "tri-unity," a "three-in-one," a Trinity, because God is at the same time one and three (but in different senses). God is one in divine essence, and three in divine Persons.

The Trinity, therefore, is the doctrine that there are three Persons who are characterized, through and through, by a unique combination of divine qualities, attributes, perfections, which combination is the same for all three.

II. THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

A. The Work of the Spirit in General

The three Persons of the godhead are equal in essence, but unequal in their working. Technically, this is referred to as the difference between essential equality and economic subordination.

The three Persons of the godhead accomplish different functions in the outworking of God's Plan; and they are involved in superordinate/ subordinate working relationships even while they are equal in essence.

Throughout the Bible it is the Spirit of God who implements the plans of the Trinity. He is the one who does the work, as far as carrying the purposes of God into effect. He is the one who gets the job done, in the sense of bringing it into actuality. He is the power of God, the one who actually exerts divine efficiency to accomplish the will of God.

B. The Varied Ministries of the Spirit

The Spirit of God does some things in the implementation of the purposes of God that the other members of the godhead do not do. When we turn to the Scriptures to discover the specific things the Spirit does, we are amazed to find out how many ministries the Spirit carries on. Among these ministries are regeneration, indwelling, filling, and fullness.