

QUESTIONS:

1. DISCUSS THE DIVINE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

NAME OF GOD

ACTS OF DIVINITY

TITLES OF DIVINITY

UNIQUE MINISTRY

RELATIONSHIP IN THE TRINITY

ESSENTIAL AND MORAL ATTRIBUTES

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

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RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES USED BY JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:

- 2.1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLED ITSELF.

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3. WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR REGARDING THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A PERSON?

4. DISCUSS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED THIS LESSON INTERVIEW THREE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRESENT YOUR EXPERIENCE TO THE CLASS.

6. COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei07I5w77kE>

ANSWERS:

1. THE DIVINE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:
MNEMONIC - "NATURE"

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CO-EQUALLY GOD FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

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NAME OF GOD

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLED GOD

Acts 5:3-4

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

1Cor.2:11

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

1Cor.3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

ACTS OF DIVINITY

EQUAL CLAIMS

HOLY SPIRIT	JEHOVAH
1. Heb. 3:9 <i>Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me and saw My works forty years.</i>	1. Ex. 17:2 <i>Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?"</i>
2. Heb. 10:16 <i>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them."</i>	2. Jer. 31:33 <i>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.</i>
3. Acts 28:25-26 <i>So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul and said one word; "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers."</i>	3. Is. 6:8,10 <i>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying; "Whom shall I send, and "Who will go for Us?" 10. Make the heart of His people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."</i>
1. SANCTIFICATION	
Rom.15:16 <i>that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of</i>	Jude 1 <i>Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, And brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.</i>

<i>the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.</i>	
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2. INDWELLING

1Cor.3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1Cor.6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

HOLY SPIRIT	JEHOVAH
3. RESURRECTION	
<i>Rom. 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.</i>	<i>1 Cor. 6:14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.</i>
HOLY SPIRIT	JEHOVAH
4. CREATION	
<i>Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.</i> <i>Ps. 104:30 You send forth your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.</i>	<i>Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</i>

5. REGENERATION

John 3:3-6

3 Jesus answered and said to him, " Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

6. INSPIRATION

2Pet.1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2Tim.3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

7. GIVER OF LIFE

Rom.8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

TITLES OF DIVINITY

HE IS CALLED LORD

2Cor.3:17-18

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

IN BIBLE TIMES ONLY DEITY WAS ADDRESSED AS LORD.

UNIQUE MINISTRY

SEE THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –NO. 4. BELOW.

RELATIONSHIP IN THE TRINITY

1. The Holy Spirit exercises divine authority in His association with the Father and the Son in baptism (Matt.28:19) and benediction (2Cor.13:14). This relationship exists on the basis of co-equality with the Father and the Son.
2. Deut.6:4 states that God is one.

Deut.6:4

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

According to 1John 5:7, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are one.

1John 5:7

For there are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

By this relationship that the Holy Spirit has in the ONENESS of God we conclude that He is TRUE GOD.

ESSENTIAL AND MORAL ATTRIBUTES

SAME SUBSTANCE AS GOD

Jesus said in **John 14:16** that He would send us *"another Comforter."* The Greek word for another here is ALLOS which means ANOTHER OF THE SAME SORT not HETEROS which is ANOTHER OF A DIFFERENT SORT. P.62 Vines.

ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

HOLY SPIRIT	JEHOVAH
A. OMNIPOTENT	
Luk 1:35 <i>And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.</i>	Gen. 17:1 <i>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."</i> Jer. 32:17 <i>'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.</i> Luk. 1:37 <i>"For with God nothing will be impossible."</i> Luk. 18:27 <i>But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."</i>
HOLY SPIRIT	JEHOVAH
B. OMNIPRESENT	

<p>Ps. 139:7-10 <i>Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.</i></p>	<p>Jer. 23:24 <i>Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.</i></p>
<p>C. OMNISCIENT</p>	
<p>John 14:26 <i>"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit who the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to Your remembrance all things that I said to you.</i></p> <p>Isa 40:13-14 <i>Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counsellor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?</i></p> <p>1Cor.2:10 <i>But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.</i></p>	<p>Heb. 4:13 <i>And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.</i></p> <p>Ps. 147:5 <i>Great is our Lord, and mighty in power, His understanding in infinite.</i></p>
<p>D. ETERNAL</p>	
<p>Heb. 9:14 <i>How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?</i></p>	<p>Rom. 16:26 <i>But now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith.</i></p>

MORAL ATTRIBUTES

THESE ARE ATTRIBUTES THAT BELONG TO GOD AND ARE IMPARTED BY GOD TO MAN.

- TRUTH

John 16:13

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- HOLINESS

Rom. 1:4

and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

- LOVE

Rom. 15:30

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

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Response:

Greek word for the spirit is PNEUMA. Pneuma is a neuter noun and it is grammatically correct for a neuter noun to be followed by the neuter pronoun " itself ."

In Luke 1:35 Jesus is called the " holy thing" although Jesus is a person.

2.2. IF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS A PERSON HOW CAN HE BE Poured?

Acts 2:17

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.

How can one person baptize with another person ?

Response:

Jehovah's witnesses confuse figurative and literal language.

Job. 10:10

Didst thou not pour me out like milk.

Here Job speaks figuratively.

At Pentecost 120 were baptized not with but in the Holy Spirit.

2.3 IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON, HOW CAN A PERSON FILL 120 PEOPLE ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?

Response:

Jehovah is a person, yet He fills heaven and earth. (Jer.23:24)

Jesus is a person. He fills every born again believer - Christ in you the hope of glory. (Col. 1:27/ Rev.3:20)

The Father also fills every born again believer. (John 14:23)

What the Bible says:

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(N.B. A force or radar beam does not fulfil these criteria.)

MNEMONIC - "SPIRIT"

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING :-

PERSONAL SENSIBILITY

PERSONAL PRONOUNS

PERSONAL IDENTITY

PERSONAL ROLES

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE FATHER AND SON

PERSONAL TRAITS

AMPLIFICATION

THE FACT THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON AND NOT AN IMPERSONAL FORCE IS INDICATED BY THE FOLLOWING :-

PERSONAL SENSIBILITY

THIS IS THE ABILITY TO FEEL

THE HOLY SPIRIT: -

[1]. CAN BE GRIEVED

Eph.4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

[2]. CAN FEEL LOVE

Rom.15:30

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.

[3]. CAN BE INSULTED

Heb.10:29

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

PERSONAL PRONOUNS

John 16:13-14

13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine, and declare it to you."

PERSONAL IDENTITY

CALLED `ANOTHER COMFORTER'

John 14:16 [KJV]

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."

The Holy Spirit is called `Comforter'. This gives him a personal identity. There are two Greek words used for another viz. ALLOS and HETEROS. ALLOS means another of the same sort and HETEROS means another of a different sort (Vines P.62). The Greek for another in this scripture is ALLOS.

`Another Comforter' correctly means another like Jesus. The Greek for Comforter is PARAKLETOS which is the same word used for Jesus in 1John 2:1 and is translated as ADVOCATE. The Holy Spirit is our advocate (comforter, helper). This task can only be fulfilled by a person.

PERSONAL ROLES

THESE ARE ACTIONS THAT INDICATE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A WILL [i.e. ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS]

SEE MNEMONIC "SPIRIT" – MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT.

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE FATHER AND SON

The Father and the Son are persons. The Holy Spirit's identification with the Father and Son makes Him a person. Baptism (Matt.28:19) and benediction (2Cor.13:14) are done in the Triune name. The Holy Spirit has to be a person to be identified together with the other persons in this action.

PERSONAL TRAITS

The Holy Spirit has the main qualities that make up personality.

[1]. MIND [INTELLECT - THE ABILITY TO THINK]

Rom.8:27

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

BECAUSE HE HAS A MIND HE CAN BE: -

1.1. LIED TO

Acts 5:3

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

1.2. BLASPHEMED

Matt.12:31-32

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."

1.3. RESISTED

Acts 7:51

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

[2]. EMOTIONS

The ability to feel - dealt with under sensibility.

[3]. WILL

The ability to make decisions - dealt with under personal roles.

4. MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MNEMONIC - "SPIRIT"

MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

SELECTS

SEALS

STEERS

PROTECTS

POTENTIATES

PREVAILS

INTERCEDES

INSPIRES

INDWELLS

REGENERATES

REMINDS

REPROVES

ILLUMINATES

IMPARTS

INVITES

TEACHES

TESTIFIES

TRANSFORMS

AMPLIFICATION

SELECTS

1.1. AREAS FOR MINISTRY

Acts 16:6-7

6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

Jesus said in Matt.28:19, "*Go and teach all nations....*" but the Holy Spirit selects the areas and timing for ministry. Paul did go to Asia at a later date and experienced great success.

1.2. LEADERS FOR MINISTRY

Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

The Holy Spirit specifically separated Paul and Barnabas for this ministry. In disobedience, Barnabas took Mark with them and even allowed him to preach in the synagogues. As Mark was not really called into this ministry, he abandoned Paul and Barnabas, which caused much frustration to Paul and eventually resulted in the separation of Paul and Barnabas.

1.3. THOSE CALLED TO BE SAVED

2Thess.2:13

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

SEALS

Eph.1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

The Holy Spirit is the seal (confirmation, assurance) of our salvation. The Church is the Bride and Jesus the Bridegroom. Jesus purchased the Church with His blood and sealed His affection for the Church with the eternal Holy Spirit.

STEERS

John 16:13a

"However, when He the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;....

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

The Holy Spirit guides through scripture.

PROTECTS

1John 4:4

You are of God, little children and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world.

Is.59:19

....When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

POTENTIATES [Empowers the Believer]

[1]. TO WITNESS

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Rom.15:19

in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

[2]. THE INNER MAN

Eph.3:16

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

PREVAILS

Zech.4:6b

"...Not by might not by power but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

INTERCEDES

Rom.8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to His purpose.

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Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1Cor.6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Gal.4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

REGENERATES

John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

REMINDS

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

REPROVES

John 16:8

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

ILLUMINATES

[1]. UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD

1Cor.2:12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

[2]. REVEALS THINGS TO COME

John 16:13

"However, when He the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

1Cor.2:10a

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit...

Acts 21:11

When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, `So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

IMPARTS

[1]. GIFTS

1Cor.12:7,11

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

[2]. LIFE

John 6:63a

"It is the Spirit who gives life;"

1Pet.3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

Rom.8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

INVITES

Rev.22:17a

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!"

TEACHES

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

1John 2:27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

TESTIFIES

[1]. TESTIFIES OF JESUS

John 15:26

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

Rev.19:10e

...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

John 16:14

"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

[2]. TESTIFIES THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

Rom.8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

[3]. TESTIFIES OF OUR SANCTIFICATION

Heb.10:14-16

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also witnessed to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

TRANSFORMS

[1]. BY SANCTIFICATION

Rom.15:16

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1Pet.1:2

elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

[2]. INFLUENCING CHARACTER

Gal.5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

PURPOSE OF THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES DOCTRINE:

1. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ. The Holy Spirit continually focuses on Christ and does not speak of Himself. This ministry can only be conducted by a person. By calling the Spirit a force, the Jehovah's witnesses subtly deny the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
2. To blaspheme the Holy Spirit, the teacher of truth.
3. The Watchtower Society has taken his place as teacher. (Satan and His angels are spirits. The Watchtower has no problem in acknowledging satan as a person.)