

5 – CLEARING UP THE MISUNDERSTANDING

June 18, 1815, the Battle of Waterloo. The French under Napoleon were fighting the Allies under the command of Wellington. The people of England depended on a system of semaphore signals to find out how the battle was going. One of these signal stations was on the tower of Winchester Cathedral. Late in the day it flashed the signal: "W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N---D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D-." Just at that moment one of those sudden English fog clouds made it impossible to read the message. The news of defeat quickly spread throughout the city. The whole countryside was broken when they heard the news that their country had lost the war. Suddenly the fog lifted, and the remainder of the message could be read. The message had four words, not two. The complete message was: "W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N---D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D---T-H-E---E-N-E-M-Y!" It took only a few minutes for the good news to spread. **Sorrow - joy, defeat to victory!**

- **A little bit of fog can cloud the truth. Clouded truth damage your exp of God**

A lot of fog clouding the person of the Holy Spirit.

o **Pixie Stick Christians – all sugar – weak, sickly, unhealthy (D,PU,Foll)**

Galatians 5:24 And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- **Your new life is in the Spirit – the way you live your life is in the Spirit - SPIRITUAL**

MP: Being spiritual means living in and by the Holy Spirit. This is how you experience and express the glory of God.

The devil wants the Holy Spirit to be the misunderstood. Because He's so important.

PAUL - Acts 19 - We've not so much as heard of the Holy Spirit – SOME CHURCHES

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

- **(1) Omnipresent**

Psalm 139:7 where can I go from your spirit. Heaven, hell, anywhere on earth

- **(2) Omnipotent – Involved in Creation and Incarnation**

Genesis 1:2 And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Luke 1:35 *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.*

- **(3) Omniscient**

1 Corinthians 2:10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

o **Eternal – Holy**

PART OF THE TRINITY - God is one being in three persons.

The Holy Spirit is not less than the Father and the Son. He is equal

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- **LIVE FUNCTIONALLY WITH A FATHER AND SON ONLY TRINITY**

Truncated trinity – reduced, trimmed, pruned, pared and **therefore incomplete.**

1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

JESUS CAME SO YOU COULD HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT – you need HIM!!

I wish I was a Christian during Christ's earthly ministry

The ascension of Christ was to your advantage, because it meant the Helper would be sent.

John 16:7 I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

- **REDEMPTION – DESTROYED POWER OF CURSE - IMAGE BEARERS**
- **BEAR HIS IMAGE – REFLECT HIS GLORY – HIS HOLINESS – HELPER/Hand**

Q: The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried. G.K. Chesterton

- **THIS IS THE TIME – WHY DAY OF PENTECOST (describe) – THIS IS THAT JOEL**

Joel 2:28 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

²⁹And also on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

- **Availability of God to everyone – mystery – God tabernacles within HIS children**

What is that work? What advantage do you have? **START BY ASKING**

Luke 11:11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”