

Holy Spirit, Batman! Part 2 - The Holy Spirit Identity
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- I. Review
 - A. Series on the HS, leading into Acts
 - B. As Christians we are new creatures with a new nature, like superheros. The HS is the one who makes this possible.
- II. Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God
 - A. The trinity - the word does not appear in the Bible but the concept is clearly taught throughout. **Genesis 1:1-3**
 - B. The diagram
 1. God the Father (**John 5:18**), God the Son (**John 5:18**), God the HS (**Acts 5:3-4**).
 2. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the HS, the HS is not the Father.
 - C. Mr. Flat and dimensionality. Just as we exist beyond Mr. Flat's reality so God exists beyond ours.
- III. What is the HS? Like the Father and the Son, He is a person.
 - A. Not an it.
 1. The HS is God Himself, a Person with whom you can enjoy a personal relationship. He is not merely an impersonal force or power or essence within the universe, but He is rather a Person who can speak to you and to whom you can speak. He is a Person who can guide you, who can help you, who can strengthen you, who can teach you the truth of God.
 2. Not The Force. Not something we control. He controls us.
 - B. He has intelligence, will, and emotion
 1. Intelligence - **1 Cor. 2:10-13**, knows and teaches
 2. Will
 - a) **1 Cor. 12:11**, giving gifts as He wills
 - b) **Acts 15:28** it seemed good to the HS and to us
 - c) **Acts 16:6-7** He forbids
 3. Emotion
 - a) **Eph. 4:20** grieved
 - b) **Is. 63:10** vexed
 - c) **Rom. 15:30** love
 - d) You can't grieve, vex, or experience the love of an impersonal force.
 - C. He speaks. **Acts 13:2** separate unto me Barnabas and Saul
 - D. He is referred to as "He" and "Him" The greek word for spirit is gender neutral. but when speaking about the HS it's accompanied by a masculine personal pronoun.
- IV. What does the HS do?
 - A. He works in works in the world - **John 16:7-11**
 1. Convicts of sin
 - a) Missing the mark - on accident, on purpose
 - b) Everyone believes something
 - c) Conscience? What do do about it.
 2. Convicts of righteousness - Jesus was/is the model of righteousness. Sign at the fair. HS points us to Jesus.

3. Convicts of judgment - once you have dealt with your sin and are in Christ, understand that Satan has already been judged.
- B. He works in the church - Acts
1. Provides direction, communicates with the church
 2. Provides protection from hypocrisy and corruption
 3. Provides edification, exhortation, comfort. Keeps us humble, and encouraged.
- C. He works in individual believers - John 14:16-18
1. Another - allos; of the same kind or equal quality. My many Huffy Pro Lightnings. Not heteros: another of a different quality. Bicycle vs. motorcycle.
 2. Orphans/Comfortless. Greek; orphanos. Orphans are kids whose parents have either abandon them, or the parents have been deemed unfit to parent because of neglect, abuse, or lack of means, or the parents have died.
 3. The comforter/helper. Parakletos; with, or along side of, and called. One who is called along side of another to help.
- V. Take home points
- A. Who is the HS? He is God
 - B. What is the HS? Like the Father and the Son, He is a Person
 - C. What does the HS do? works in the world, the church and individual believers.
 - D. The HS isn't something you use, He is someone who uses you.