

04 • God the SPIRIT

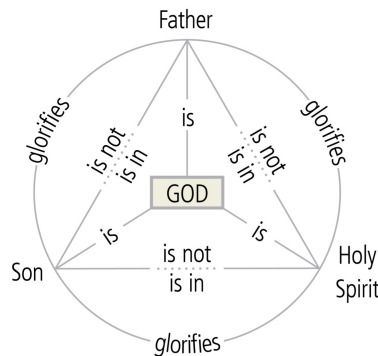
God the **Father** fulfilled a wonderful plan to send **God the Son** to save us and **God the Spirit** to guide us. God is **ABOVE** us, **FOR** us, and **WITH** us. Where can we know the Spirit has been specifically at work?



- ◆ _____: "In the beginning," God the Spirit was there ([Gen 1:1-2](#); [Psa 104:30](#))
- ◆ _____: God the Spirit was instrumental in revealing God's will throughout the Old Testament ([Zech 7:8, 11-12](#); [2 Pet 1:21](#))
- ◆ _____: God the Son promised that God the Spirit would play a pivotal role in the Father's plan after Jesus' resurrection and ascension ([John 14:25-26](#); [16:12-13](#); [1 Cor 2:6-13](#); [Eph 3:3-5](#))
- ◆ _____: God the Spirit provided miraculous gifts to guide disciples in the first century ([Acts 2:4](#); [1 Cor 12:4-11](#))
- ◆ _____: God the Spirit continues to play a pivotal role in the new birth of all Christians ([John 3:5](#); [Titus 3:4-7](#))
- ◆ _____: disciples of Jesus are blessed to have God the Spirit as a guide, a seal, and a guarantee ([Gal 5:16, 18, 25, 22-23](#); [Eph 1:13-14](#))

Who is God? **Father**, **Son**, and **Spirit**. Equal in essence. Perfect in unity and harmony. Each having their particular role and work.

Nothing matters more than having a relationship with God. Knowing the God who is **ABOVE** us, **FOR** us, and **WITH** us is more significant than knowing anything else.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- What difference does it make that "men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" ([2 Pet 1:21](#))? How should that shape the way we look at the Bible? ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) might also be helpful here...)
- Why is it important that we think of the Spirit as "who" rather than "it"? What can we learn from these "personal" ways the Spirit is described...
 - [1 Timothy 4:1](#)
 - [Hebrews 10:29](#)
 - [Acts 5:3](#)
 - [Acts 7:51](#)
 - [Ephesians 4:30](#)
- Why were the miraculous gifts provided by the Spirit in the first century necessary? What "gap" did they fill in God's plan to save mankind?
- How does [Titus 3:4-7](#) show Father, Son, and Spirit at work in our salvation? What about [1 Peter 1:2](#)? How has each played a pivotal part?