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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:30 P.M. Worship: 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 73:26
"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you."

Elbert Hubbard

"It's the friends you call up at 4:00 a.m. that matter."

Marlene Dietrich

## The Holy Spirit, Con't

Note: The context of the preceding verses needs to be understood, those to whom the words were spoken need to be recognized, and no one today is to assume that the Holy Spirit is leading or guiding them or anyone else into additional truth. "All truth" has been revealed by the Holy Spirit to the apostles and prophets of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-7, note especially verse 5, and compare it with I Corinthians 2:12-13). "The faith" (the complete gospel system) has been "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), and no additional revelations or "special leadings" of the Holy Spirit are taking place today, nor have they since the

completion of the writing of the New Testament documents.

The Holy Spirit dwells in Christians (I Corinthians 6:19) and in the church collectively (I Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-21). The Holy Spirit is given to Christians because they are sons/children of God, not to make them sons/ children of God (Galatians 4:6, emphasis mine, hf). The indwelling Spirit serves as a seal (a mark) that one is a child of God (Ephesians 1:13), and is the earnest (as in earnest money, i.e, the deposit) of the Christian's eternal inheritance (Ephesians 1:14; II Corinthians 5:5). The Spirit "bears witness with (not to) our spirit that we our children of God" (Romans 8:16, emphasis mine, hf), and "makes intercessions for us...according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

The child of God is to demonstrate "the fruit of the Spirit" and "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-26). This involves walking worthy of our calling (Ephesians 4:1), walking in love (Ephesians 5:1-2), walking as children of light (Ephesians 5:8), walking circumspectly (literally, looking around, keeping oneself morally upright, being aware of spiritual threats, dangers, needs, challenges, and opportunities) (Ephesians 5:15), walking in the light (of God's word) (I John 1:5-7), and walking in truth (II John 4).

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

## Pleasant View church of Christ

# The Holy Spirit

(The following article was written by Hugh Fulford, preacher for the Mitchellville, TN church of Christ)

The Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost, King James Version) is known by various names in scripture. He is referred to simply as the Spirit (Romans 8:26), the Spirit of God (Matthew 3:16), the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9b), the Spirit of truth (John 16:13), the eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:13-14), and the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:29).

Like the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is a divine person. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit constitute the Godhead (Matthew 28:18-20; II Corinthians 13:14). The Spirit's nature comports with the Father's and the Son's. If we have no problem conceiving of the Father and the Son as divine persons, we ought not to have any problem conceiving of the Holy Spirit as a divine person.

Eight times in the space of two verses (John 16:13-14), Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "He"—a personal pronoun in the masculine gender and the singular number. This being the case, the Holy Spirit is not some mysterious "It" that people in their wild imaginations and frenzied, irrational behavior "get." (Example: "I 'got' the Holy Spirit/Ghost! Have you ever 'got' It?") The

Holy Spirit is not the mind or power of God the Father. And, while the word of God is "the sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17), the Holy Spirit is not to be equated with the word of God—no more so than a soldier is to be equated with his sword, though the soldier uses his sword to accomplish his mission.

The Holy Spirit has a mind (Romans 8:27) and possesses knowledge (I Corinthians 2:11). He taught the apostles of Christ and reminded them of all that Jesus had taught them (John 14:26). He guided the apostles into all truth (John 16:13).

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#### Items of Note:

- The Coopertown church of Christ is having a Trunk or Treat Saturday November 1 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a chili cook -off and games as well.
- A private funeral will be held for Buzz Simpson, Maime Hamilton's brother.
- Bill Johnson had a setback in his recovery. He is at home.
- Pray for Rick Reed, Mildred Walker, Jay Newell, and Addie Farmer.

## Trunk-Or-Treat Next Sunday Night After Worship Service Happy Haven Contribution Today

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: J. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Demonbruem, Reed, Gupton

Pray: Baker