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<u>Seven Key Doctrines of the Christian Church</u> (Doctrine of One Spirit – Part 1)

A mini-series the Universality of the Christian Church

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We are currently studying Paul's list of seven doctrines that separate the Christian church from the religions of the world. In this study we will discuss the third of seven doctrines listed in Eph.4:4-6,

(Eph.4:4-6) "There is one body and **one Spirit** - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all".

This lesson is <u>on our second doctrine</u> listed in Eph.4:4-6, **One Spirit**.

This will be the first of five studies on the Doctrine of One Spirit.

1. The One Spirit is reference to the third member of the Godhead (milk).

Sovereignty (Psalms 83:18b) God is supreme, King of the universe. He Is over all authorities

Righteousness (Psalms 145:17) God is perfect, His Plan is perfect. Every Thing He does is perfect and good.

Justice (Deuteronomy 32:4) God is just and cannot be unfair. He Must punish those who disobey His laws.

Love (1 John 4:8b, 16) God's love is perfect and unconditional. He proved His love when He sent His Son.

Eternal Life (Colossians 1:17) God existed in eternity past and He will Exist forever. He has no beginning nor end.

God

The Father

The Designer

Of the Plan for man

Omniscience (Job 37:16) God knows everything, past – present – future He knows the end from the beginning.

Omnipresent (Jeremiah 23:22-24) God is present, neither limited by time or Space. Man cannot escape His presence.

Omnipotent (Luke 1:37) God has the power to do anything. He is not Limited in ability and authority.

Immutability (Numbers 23:19) God never changes – ever. His Word and His Works are unchanging.

Veracity (Psalms 12:6) God is absolute Truth in His ways, in His Works and in His Word – Now and forever.

God The Son The Executer Of the Plan for man God The Holy Spirit The Sustainer Of the Plan for man

While they are co-equal in Essence, they differ in function under the New Covenant. Note this as they are mentioned in (Eph.4:4-6) as well as (1 Cor.12:4-7).

2. The special function of the Holy Spirit under the New Covenant is the fulfillment of the Promise of the Spirit (milk).

An example is the New Covenant <u>Sealing and Pledge</u> ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is one of eight salvation ministries of the Spirit.

(Eph.1:13-14) **"In Him,** you also, after <u>listening</u> to the message of truth, the **gospel of your salvation** – having also believed, you **were sealed in Him** with the Holy **Spirit of promise**, who is **given as a pledge** of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to His praise of His glory."

The **coming of the Holy Spirit of Promise** was taught by John the Baptizer in (Matt.3:11-12). It was taught by Jesus in (John 7:37-39) [chs.14-16].

It was taught by the Prophet **Joel** (New Covenant) and fulfilled at Pentecost 30AD in (Acts 2:1-21), (Joel 2:28-32); (Jer.31:31-34) [Last days - Messianic period in human history including the First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ].

(Acts 2:33) "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."

3. One special ministry of the Holy Spirit under the New Covenant is <u>the eight works of Spirit</u> in grace salvation (Gal.3:2-3) [Milk] (1 Pet.2:2).

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17, 23; Gal.4:4-7)	Sanctification	(Rom.15:16; 2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:27)	Seals and Pledge	(Eph.1:13-14; 4:30)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20; John 7:38-39)	Spiritual Gift	(1 Cor.12:4, 11; Eph.4:4)
Regeneration	(Titus 3:5-7; John 3:5-8)	Spiritual Life	(Rom.8:2, 9-11, 13; 6:4)

4. Nine characteristics of Spirituality (1 Cor.3:1-3; Rom.8:5-9).

Just as there is evidence of carnality, there is evidence of spirituality (Meat / Christian Way of Life).

- 1. The nine fruit of the Indwelling Spirit (Gal.5:22-23).
- 2. The Believer's effective prayer life (Rom.8:26-27; Eph.6:18; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Thess.5:17-18).
- 3. The permanent indwelling of the Spirit (John 14:16-21).
- 4. The Comforter ministers as the result of teaching and recalling residing word of God (John 14:26-27).
- 5. The Spirit will testify of Christ to you and through you to others (John 15:26-27).
- 6. The Indwelling Spirit fills the void of the absence of Jesus Christ (John 14:1-7; 16:5-7).
- 7. The Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11).
- 8. The Indwelling Spirit guides the spiritually advancing believer in truth of the Word of God (John 16:12; 8:32).
- 9. The Spirit will speak and disclose messianic doctrines of the New Covenant (John 16:13-15; 1 John 2:27).