

The Finger of God

A Study of the Holy Spirit



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Lesson One:

The Holy Spirit
A Member of the Godhead

“The Finger of God”

Luke 11:20 - “But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Parallel passage:

Matthew 12:28 - “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Several names found in the scriptures

Among them:

- Holy Spirit (Most common today)
- Holy Ghost (Older, less commonly used today)
- The Spirit
- Spirit of God
- Spirit of Truth
- Helper
- Comforter
- Breath of God
- Seven-fold Spirit

Members of the Godhead

- **Father**
- **Son**
- **Holy Spirit**

The word “Godhead” in scripture

Each time is in the King James Version:

- Acts 17:29
- Romans 1:20
- Colossians 2:9

Interchangeable names for the Godhead

- Divine Nature
- Divine Being
- Divinity
- Deity

Three Members of the Godhead

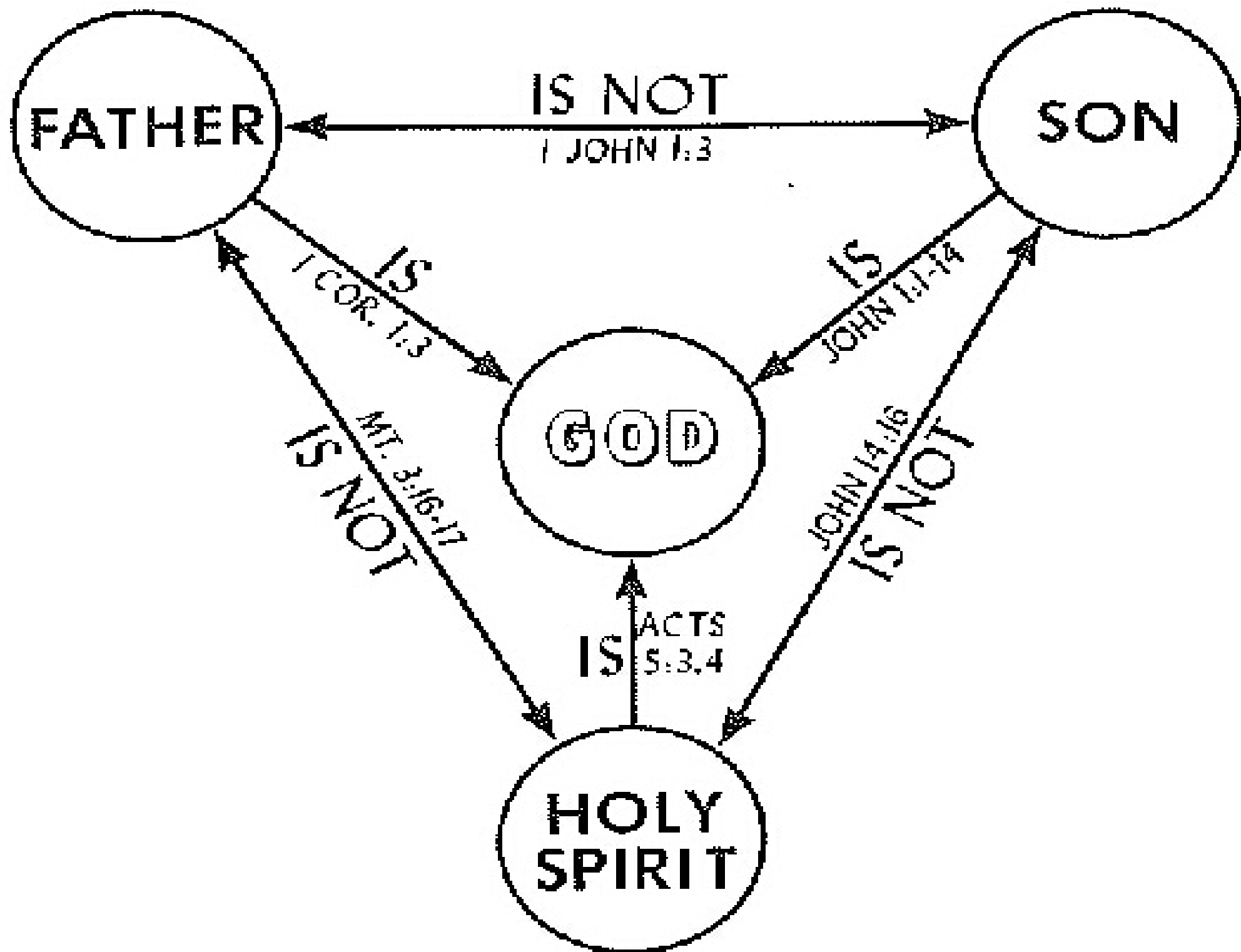
- All present at creation – Genesis 1 and John 1
 - Father (Genesis 1:1)
 - Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2)
 - Son (John 1:1-3,14; Genesis 1:3)

“Our image...Our likeness” (Genesis 1:26)

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- All present at creation – Genesis 1 and John 1
- All present at Jesus' baptism – Matthew 3:16-17
- Jesus taught of three members – John 14:16-17 and 15:26
- Jesus commanded baptism in the name of the three members – Matthew 28:19
- Paul prays for the blessings of each of the three on the Corinthian brethren – II Corinthians 13:14

**How do the three members
of the Godhead relate?**



**All THREE members are
different personalities,
yet ONE!**

**Some secular comparisons
that may help
illustrate the point?**



EVAPORATION

CONDENSATION

SUBLIMATION

DEPOSITION



FREEZING

MELTING



THREE...Yet ONE!



A “trinity braid”

A three-strand hair braid, like a braided rope: Strong because of the way the three strands are fitted and work together

Lesson One Conclusion:

**The Holy Spirit is a member of the
Godhead and is a Divine being
and the Three members are One**

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Lesson Two:

The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit

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9. **He intercedes for the children of God**

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All of these are characteristics of a person, an entity possessing intelligence

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**Only a personality can be treated in
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**“Omniscient” - Authority to declare what
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**“Omnipresent” - Real existence in every
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“Omnipotent” - Control over all things

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**“All of these activities require unlimited power,
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“Regeneration” - Being renewed, reformed, or reconstituted; A spiritual rebirth

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**The ability to perform all of these works
confirm the Holy Spirit's divinity**

Lesson Two Conclusion:

“Thus in His works, His characteristics, the things He suffers, His attributes, and His achievements, we have a five-fold cord of testimony that clearly demonstrates the Spirit's personality and His Divinity.”

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