

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

Reading Romans 5:6-8

- *Oh the Deep, Deep love of Jesus*
- *279, Grace that is Greater*
- *276, The Love of God*

Announcements and Prayer requests

- March 16 - Hartstone Workday (Saturday, 9-4)
- March 24 - Palm Sunday
- March 29 - Good Friday Service, 7 PM
- March 31 - Easter (Resurrection Sunday)
- April 7 - Communion & Potluck
- April 19 - Celebrate Life Spring Concert, 6 PM
- October 6 - GBF Hartstone Day Camp

Greeting

The Holy Spirit's proceeding Life in us

The Spirit of the Father and of the Son living in us, God's
life in us by the Spirit

John 15:18-27

Sending prayer

You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the
foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT
PROCEEDS FROM THE
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- Teaching -

Eric Peterman

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- March 10th, 2024 -

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Have you ever meditated on the multifaceted spiritual gem of the Holy Spirit as He and His work are unveiled to you by the word of God? He is a most unusual gem because of His not merely reflecting light rays from elsewhere, He glows from within with the very light of God. We have over the past few Sundays explored some of the nature of God the Father and God the Son, of the fact that the 1st member of the Trinity is God the Father, and the 2nd person is God the Son by the fact of the eternal generation, or begetting (not created, made or born) of the Son by the Father, not as an act of the will of God but of a necessity of the nature and being of deity.

Let us now turn our attentions and our Christian affections to the Person, existence and work of the 3rd Person in the Godhead, the wonderful Holy Spirit. Today we'll not focus primarily on His effect in us by our subjective experience, rather we'll focus in worship on Who and What He is in the very being and essence of eternal God. For right living comes from right worship, and right worship comes from right knowledge. This is sanctification.

So let us explore and know what it means to have the Spirit of the Father and of the Son in us.

What sayeth the Scriptures?

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit is often referred to as the Spirit of God or more rarely, the Spirit of the Father (Matt 10:20).

And in our text from this morning, John 15:26: "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me," The Spirit proceeds from the Father, and the Son sends the Spirit from the Father. And yet: Jesus also makes the claim that both the Father and Son *act* in the sending or procession of the Spirit.

See here, that the Son states that the Spirit "proceeds from the Father", and the verb tense. Not He *did* proceed, not *He* will proceed, but a present active, without reference to beginning or end: Eternal

procession of the Spirit. But we might be surprised at how often Scripture speaks of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Jesus!

-**Acts 16:7:** "the Spirit of Jesus"

-**Romans 8:9:** "The Spirit of God" and "the Spirit of Christ"

-**Galatians 4:6:** "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts"

-**Philippians 1:19:** "the Spirit of Jesus Christ"

-**1 Peter 1:11:** "Spirit of Christ"

Those are the direct statements that sort of whack us on the head, **but what happens when we also consider *the titles of the Spirit?*** The Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation" (**Eph 1:17**) and "the Spirit of truth" (**John 14:17; 15:26; 16:3**). Both **Wisdom** and **Truth** are names of Jesus the Son (**1 Cor 1:30; John 14:6**).

And why is the Spirit the Spirit of Truth? It's because the Son is Truth; the reason why the Spirit is the Spirit of Wisdom is because the Son is Wisdom. This makes sense when we realize the Spirit's role is to testify of Christ (John 15:26). It is *who He is* and *what he does*. He is Christ's Spirit, which means he is *of* Christ or *from* Christ the Son. **The Spirit proceeds from the Son** as well as the Father!

One of the earliest questions posed to Christians was: if we distinguish the Son from the Father because one is a Son and one is a Father, then is the Holy Spirit another son or grandson? The Bible never claims this. And neither should we.

We can distinguish each person in God by oppositional relations. Here is what I mean: The **Father** begets the **Son** (a love relation) and spirates the **Spirit** (a love relation). The **Son** is begotten of the **Father** (a love relation) and spirates the **Spirit** (a love relation). The **Spirit** proceeds from the **Father** (a love relation) and the **Son** (a love relation).