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*"I myself do nothing.
The Holy Spirit
accomplishes all
through me."*

William Blake

*"The Spirit is Love
expressed towards
man as redeeming
love, and the Spirit is
truth, and the Spirit is
the Holy Spirit.
Redemption is in-
conceivable without
truth and holiness."*

Roland Allen

*"Or do you not know
that your body is a
temple of the Holy
Spirit within you,
which you have
from God, and that
you are not your
own? For you were
bought with a price;
therefore glorify
God in your body."*

1 Corinthians 16:19,20

CATECHISM PART IV - GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Q Who is the Holy Spirit?

A In Theological language, the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets and the Law. Preached through the Apostles and dwelled in the Saints. The Holy Spirit is a perfect God as the Father and the Son are.

Q How do we call the three divine persons' unity?

A The Holy Trinity.

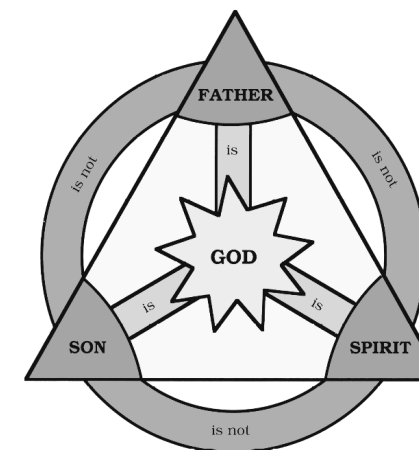
Q How is it possible for three separate persons to be one?

A They all have the same nature. God the Father has no beginning and is not created. The Son is begotten of the Father (Eternally Born of the Father). As an example, the fire gives a constant "birth" to light. The Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and is equally glorified, as the Son is. As continuation to the above example, the light (the Son) is born of the fire (the Father), and the heat (the Holy Spirit) proceeds from the fire (the Father). Three, but one!!!

Q How does St. Necess the Graceful explain this?

A "No matter that fire, light and heat are three separate "persons", they all have the same divine nature! God the Father wanted to create the visible and invisible creatures. The Son made them exist from the inexistence,

and the Holy Spirit gave them their wisdom."



Q What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

A The Holy Spirit has spoken through the Prophets and the Law. Preached through the mouths and writings of the Apostles and dwelled in the Saints. He is the same Holy Spirit which descended on Christ while He was Baptized in Jordan River. The Holy Spirit still performs all that through the preaching at Church, during Baptism, when we read the Holy Bible ...

Q How is the Holy Spirit described in the Gospels?

A The Holy Spirit is described in the Gospels as Inspiration, Wisdom, Comforter... In the case when Virgin Mary conceived, the Holy Spirit was the one who rested upon Her (Matthew 1, Luke 1). Christ said that the Baptism will be done with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8). It is the Holy Spirit who inspires and gives wisdom for preaching (Mark 13, Luke 12).

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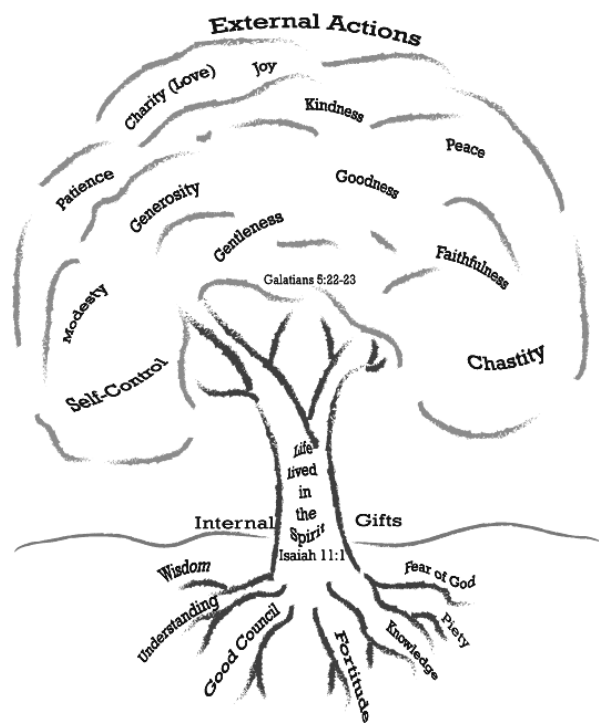
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The Holy Spirit was also revealed in the miracles performed by Christ (Matthew 12). The Holy Spirit is the comforter (John 12) and it is unforgivable sin to curse the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12, Mark 3, Luke 12).

Q So, what is the conclusion about the Holy Spirit after all this?

A The conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is perfect God, one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. He is an active power in the life of a Christian. He defines the love, the truth, the wisdom and the grace in all of us. He transforms into God's temples all those who truly believe and builds the Church, which is the community of the believers. Last, but not least, He guides all the believers through the paths of their lives, bestows them with numerous gifts, so they can be fruitful in order to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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Next issue -The Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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YOUR VOICE, DEDICATION AND PARTICIPATION IS WHAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR CHURCH

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ARMENIAN PASTRY SALE

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