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Proposition

The danger is that the church has a "genie-in-a-bottle" view of the Holy Spirit. Falsely, the Spirit is believed to be the one who works a nice, quick miracle, or produce a manifestation, when He is summoned. As reaction, sadly, other groups ignore the Spirit altogether.

By discovering who He is, we can love Him, enjoy Him and be used by Him.

1) The Holy Spirit is Eternal

(Gen 1:1) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(Gen 1:2) The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

2) The Spirit is God

(Mat 28:19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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(Act 5:3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? (Act 5:4) While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

3) He is a person, not a "thing/force/smoke"

(Eph 4:30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

(Act 7:51) "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

4) Holy The Spirit Empowers Jesus

(Mat 3:16) And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

(Mat 4:1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

4) Holy The Spirit Empowers Jesus

(Luke 4:18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

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1. The Holy Spirit constantly testifies of the heart of Jesus

(Joh 14:26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

(Rom 8:5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit carries us in times of "groaning"

(Rom 8:26) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Rom 8:27) And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom 8:28) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

3. The Spirit is our power in sharing about Jesus

(Han 1:8) maar julle sal krag ontvang wanneer die Heilige Gees oor julle kom, en julle sal my getuies wees in Jerusalem sowel as in die hele Judéa en Samaría en tot aan die uiterste van die aarde.

(2Co 10:3) For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. (2Co 10:4) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (2Co 10:5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (2Co 10:6) being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

(1Jn 4:1) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(1Jn 4:4) Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

(Jas 4:7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

4. The Holy Spirit Gives you authority over demonic forces

(1Co 12:4) Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; (1Co 12:5) and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; (1Co 12:6) and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. (1Co 12:7) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1Pe 4:10) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

(Rom 12:5) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Rom 12:6) Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

5. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts in His divine wisdom

(Act 2:38) And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Luk 11:13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(2Ti 1:6) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, (2Ti 1:7) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2Ti 1:8) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,