Fellowship with the Trinity (4)

The Holy Spirit

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:1-2) is fellowship with the Holy Spirit that spills over into fellowship with other believers. Fellowship (Greek, *koinōnia*) includes the ideas of sharing and participation.

**1. Who is the Holy Spirit?**

As Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Word of God (John 1:1), so the Holy Spirit is the divine Person who is—

A. The living *Breath* of the Father and Son

Job 33:4; John 20:22

B. The shared *Love* of the Father and Son

1 John 3:24; 4:12-13, 15-16

C. The active *Power* of God in the world

Micah 3:7-8; Luke 1:25; Romans 15:13, 19

**2. How can we fellowship with the Holy Spirit?**

From the Spirit seek—

A. The *refreshing* of your spiritual life

John 7:37-39

B. A deeper experience of *God’s love*

Romans 5:3-5; Galatians 5:22-23

C. *Power* for serving Christ

Acts 1:8; 4:33

D. A heart to *glorify* Christ and the Father

John 16:14-15

**Additional Notes**

1. The Hebrew and Greek words translated “spirit” may also mean “breath” and “wind.” (See, for example, John 3:8, where the same word is translated as “wind” and “Spirit”; see also Ezekiel 37, where “Spirit” [vv. 1 and 14] is translated “breath” [vv. 5, 6, 9, 10] and “wind” [v. 9]). There are also some another Hebrew and Greek words for “breath” and “wind.” (For example, Job 33:4 uses the common word for “spirit” and a different word for “breath.”)

2. In 1 John 3 and 4, note the following equivalent expressions.

God abides in us = God’s Spirit is in us = God’s love is in us

To abide in love = to abide in God (because God is love)

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit = the Love of God

3. Visual Summary of John 17:22-26 in the light of the Holy Spirit’s identification with the Love of God