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Part One

Hello, my brothers and sisters. Welcome to the fourth and final part of the series that has addressed, in part 1] Identifying our father, part 2] The uniqueness of Jehovah, part 3] The uniqueness of Jesus and now, part 4] The uniqueness of the Holy Spirit. Are you ready to jump in? OK, let's go!!!

The Holy Spirit. What is it? What does it do? Is it a person? How is it a comforter or advocate? How does it manifest itself? What will be its function in the last days? These are some of the questions that we will explore in this podcast.... The uniqueness of the Holy Spirit.

1] First question. Is the Holy Spirit a who or a what?

We are introduced to the holy spirit very early on in the Bible at Gen 1:2 where it says; **2**Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. [BSB] The Holy Spirit here, is key in preparing the Earth for the arrival of mankind. In scripture, the Holy spirit is key, in carrying out the thoughts and will of Jehovah. The Holy Spirit is closely connected to the very person of Jehovah. When Jehovah says something, His Holy Spirit goes forth to make it a reality.

The first question is: Is the Holy Spirit a person or a force? I will reply with a simple question. If the Holy Spirit is a person, what name is it given in the bible? Almighty God, a person, has a name. The bible says His name is Jehovah. The only begotten son of God, who is the only begotten God, has a name. The Bible says his name is Jesus. So, what does the Bible say the name of the Holy Spirit is, if it is indeed a person? It's worthy of note that, whenever Jehovah and Jesus appear together in scripture, the Holy Spirit is NEVER present. NEVER. Notice the account at Dan 7:13&14; **13**In my vision in the night I continued to watch, and I saw One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. **14**And He was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that the people of every nation and language should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. [BSB] In Daniel's vision, only two were seen. When the martyr Stephen had a vision of Jehovah and Jesus at Acts 7:55&56 notice how many he saw; **55**But Stephen, full of the Holy

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Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56**“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”[BSB] In vision, Stephen only saw two. Now look at Rev 5:6&7; **6**Then I saw a Lamb who appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7**And He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the One seated on the throne. [BSB] Again only two. Please remember too, all the scriptures that cite the fulfillment of Ps 110:1 which says; Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool. [ASV] Now I want you to please note, the reference is ALWAYS to two persons, Jehovah and Jesus, NEVER three. Nowhere in the scriptures is there ever a name given for the Holy Spirit. The angels evidently have names such as recorded at Lu 1:19; **19**“I am Gabriel,” replied the angel. “I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. [BSB] And then there’s Jude 1:9; But even the archangel Michael, when he disputed with the devil over the body of Moses, did not presume to bring a slanderous charge against him, but said, “The Lord rebuke you! [BSB] Even Jehovah’s greatest enemy has an assigned name according to Job 1:6 which reads; **6**Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan also came among them. [ASV] Humans have names. Have you ever known a person that didn’t have a name. We give our pets names. Sometimes we even give things a personal name. My truck is ‘Whitey’, my wife’s truck is BB, her personal vehicle is ‘Pal’ my daughter’s car is ‘Hooty’ my work vehicle is ‘Van’. When I ask my daughter, ‘How’s Hooty holding up’ she knows exactly who I’m talking about, only it isn’t really a who at all. When my wife says, it’s time for BB’s oil change, I know exactly who she’s talking about, only it isn’t really a who at all. Not to mention Alexa and Siri. They both have personalities, and names, but they are not persons. The Bible is extremely conscious of the names of persons, places and things. So why not the Holy Spirit if truly a person? Someone may say, but what about baptizing in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit? Yeah, and what about stopping in the name of the law? Or stop in the name of all that is decent? Or stop in the name of love? Neither of those things is a person, yet we say stop in their names. Is remote control a person? Siri, and Alexa and zoom and google have extraordinary capabilities and can perform a vast variety of remote functions such as, cranking your car, giving you turn by turn driving directions, changing radio and tv stations, starting your coffee maker, controlling home lighting, turning on bath water, feeding your pets, answering all kinds of questions regarding all kinds of things, connecting thousands for group meetings and the list goes on and on and on.

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They are all forms of technology but are they considered persons? Does the Creator of all that is, have that kind of technology at His disposal? What do you think? These man-made technologies can enable you to see, hear, and perform functions remotely from anywhere on Earth and beyond, like the Mars rover and Hubble telescope for example. Can and does Jehovah remotely care for matters related to His universal creation? Of course. Does He see us by means of His incomprehensible technology? 2 Chron 16:9 answers; For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. [ASV] Human technological surveillance tracks billions of humans visually every day. Human technological surveillance, tracks every move billions of humans make by means of their cell phones every day, do they not? Have you ever had pop up on your phone; you were here four years ago, whaaat? Google keeps a record of everywhere I've been for years? So then, can Jehovah track and record our every move? Can He see and hear us by means of His incomprehensible technology, in the form of the Holy Spirit? Ps 94:9 answers; 9Does he who fashioned the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? [NIV] The extent to which He listens is brought to our attention at Num 12:1&2; 1And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. 2And they said, Hath Jehovah indeed spoken only with Moses? hath he not spoken also with us? And Jehovah heard it. [ASV] He can also hear groups of individuals as demonstrated at Num 11:1; 1And the people were as murmurers,' speaking evil in the ears of Jehovah: and when Jehovah heard it, his anger was kindled; and the fire of Jehovah burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp. [ASV] Doesn't that remind you of parents who surveille their children's rooms and even issue them warnings without being physically present? Some even do it from work, don't they? It's not a miracle, or magic, it's simply technology that wasn't available 50 years ago. You don't have to physically be there to know exactly what's going on. All in all, the scriptures indicate that the Holy Spirit is not a person but rather a technology far beyond human comprehension. So, this brings us to our second point regarding the Holy Spirit.

2] What does it do? The Holy Spirit brings the thoughts and will of Jehovah God into reality.

The functions and manifestations of the Holy Spirit give strong indications as to what it is. The holy spirit acts as a facilitator. It facilitates and accomplishes the will of Jehovah God much like our hands facilitate and accomplish our will as humans. Think about it for a moment. In a given day, how many things do you accomplish with the use of your hands? Though an undeniable key component of daily accomplishments, your

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hands are not a person. Does Jehovah have hands? Though not having hands like our human hands, notice what His word has to say about His hands. I'd like to read a few scriptures in this regard, starting with Isa 45:12; **12**It is I who made the earth and created man upon it. It was My hands that stretched out the heavens, and I ordained all their host. [BSB] Next Eccl 2:24; **24**Nothing is better for a man than to eat and drink and enjoy his work. I have also seen that this is from the hand of God. [BSB] Look at Isa 64:8; **8**But now, O Jehovah, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. [ASV] Now consider 1Pet 5:6; **6**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; [BLB] Then there's Ps 95:5; **5**The sea is his, and he made it; And his hands formed the dry land. [NKJV] And there are many, many more instances like this. Humans use their hands when they create, Jehovah uses his Holy Spirit to do the same as indicated by Ps 104:30 which says; **30**When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth. [BSB] Also, Ps 33:6&9; **6**By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Vs 9; **9**For he spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. [ASV] 2Pet 3:5 makes this observation; **5**For this they willfully forget that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God; [ERV] The word of God manifests the thoughts of God. Jehovah thought all things into existence. Before anything can be brought into existence, it begins with unseen thoughts or ideas. That's the power behind Heb 11:3 where it says; By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. [NLT] You cannot see a thought. You cannot see an idea. And yet, from unseen thoughts and unseen ideas come everything we see around us. Every room in your home was at one time a thought. Everything in every room began as a thought. Your car, with all its amenities, only became a reality by means of thought. Every street sign you see was at one time a thought. And so, it is with everything. Everything you see and even realities you do not see, incredibly, is manifest thought. We use our hands to make our ideas and thoughts a reality. Jehovah uses his holy spirit to construct realities both seen and unseen. Our hands are not persons, they belong to a person. So, it is with the Holy Spirit. It is not a person, but it belongs to a person. That person being Jehovah God. Jehovah uses His holy spirit to accomplish His thoughts and will. His thoughts are Holy therefore His Spirit is Holy. So when Jehovah says at Jer 29:11; **11**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith

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Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. His holy spirit is already in the process of making His words a reality. 1Cor 2:10-12 zeros in on the connection of Jehovah's thoughts and spirit when it says, **10**For God has revealed *it* to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **11**For who among men knows the things of the man, except the spirit of the man within him? So also, no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God. **12**Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, that we may know the things having been granted to us by God, [BLB]

Notice the connection between the spirit of a man and the thoughts of a man, with the spirit of Jehovah and the thoughts of Jehovah. Holy Spirit is a technology of unfathomable godly proportions, dwarfing and incalculably superior to any of the technologies used by 21st century mankind. This reminds of the words of Jesus at Mk 10:27 where He said; **27**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." [NIV] Cases in point, starting with Gen 18:13&14 which says; **13**And Jehovah said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old? **14**Is anything too hard for Jehovah? [ASV] At Nu 11:23; **23**And YHWH says to Moses, "Has the hand of YHWH become short? Now you see whether My word meets you or not." [LSV] What about Lu 1:34-37; **34**And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"^d

35And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. **36**And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37**For nothing will be impossible with God." [ESV]

Notice How Jehovah expresses it at Isa 55:8-11; **8**"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9**For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. **10**"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. **11**It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. [NLT] Remember in the creation account, it repeatedly states, 'and God said, let there be light, or God said, let dry land appear and so forth.

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You can't have words without thought. Jehovah's Holy Spirit is the technology, if you will, at his disposal that enables him to carry out his thoughts to construct realities, both seen and unseen to the human eye.

Jehovah has now given His firstborn son Jesus the authority to dispense Holy Spirit as is evident from Mt 28:18; **18**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. [NIV] Also, Jo 7:39 which plainly states that the Holy Spirit would be dispensed to the disciples through Jesus, to wit; **39**He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. [BSB] The apostle Peter, by inspiration, confirms this at Acts 2:33; Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. [NLT] By means of Jehovah's Holy Spirit the words of 2Cor 1:20 are made realities when it states; **20**For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. [NIV] So then, for the children of God, we wholeheartedly agree with sentiments expressed at Rev 22:20; **20**He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [NIV] And we also say 'Amen come Lord Jesus'.

Now for point #3. So, how is the Holy Spirit a comforter/advocate and why is it designated He?

Jesus, at Jo 14: 16,17&26 said this regarding the holy spirit; **16**And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you do know Him, for He abides with you and will be in you. 26; **26**But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. [BSB] In vs 16&17 Jesus identifies the advocate as the spirit of truth. Who is the source of all truth? God's word gives the answer in numerous places. We'll begin with Ex 34:6; **6**And Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth [ASV] Next, Ps 31:5; **5**Into thy hand I commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah, thou God of truth. [ASV] Also Isa 65:15&16; **15**And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen; and the Lord Jehovah will slay thee; and he will call his servants by another name: **16**so that he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that

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swearth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. [ASV] And a final scripture, Jer 4:2; **2**and thou shalt swear, As Jehovah liveth, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.[ASV] Without question, Jehovah is the God of truth, thus the Father of the truth. Jehovah is also the very epitome of Holiness. At Lev 19:2 it says; **2**Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I Jehovah your God am holy. [ASV] 1Pet 1:16; **16**because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy. [BLB] Jehovah is designated the Holy one of Israel at Isa 30:15; **15**For thus said the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. [ASV] Notice the channel Jehovah uses to comfort His children at 2Cor 1:3&4; **3**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4**who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. [BSB] The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ comforts us by means of His Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the ONLY channel through which we, as children of God, receive Holy Spirit as Jo 20:22 testifies; **22**When He had said this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [BSB] Jo 7:38&39 show that the spirit would come through the glorified Jesus Christ in these words; **38**Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: 'Streams of living water will flow from within him.' " **39**He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. [BSB] Our Lord and Master Jesus said at Jo 15:26; **26**When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—He will testify about Me. [NIV] He also gives more clarification at Jo 16:6-15 making this point regarding the Holy spirit; **6**Instead, your hearts are filled with sorrow because I have told you these things. **7**But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8**And when He comes, He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: **9**in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10**in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; **11**and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned. **12**I still have much to tell you, but you cannot yet bear to hear it. **13**However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all

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truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come. **14**He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and disclosing it to you. **15**Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take from what is Mine and disclose it to you. [BSB] The Holy Spirit is personified as He, because Jehovah is always referred to in the masculine. Since the Holy Spirit carries out Jehovah's thoughts, and emanates from Jehovah, His Holy Spirit is personified as masculine. Wisdom is personified in Prov 8:22-31 though not an actual person in this way; **22**Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. **23**I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Before the earth was. **24**When there were no depths, I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. **25**Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth; **26**While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the beginning of the dust of the world. **27**When he established the heavens, I was there: When he set a circle upon the face of the deep, **28**When he made firm the skies above, When the fountains of the deep became strong, **29**When he gave to the sea its bound, That the waters should not transgress his commandment, When he marked out the foundations of the earth; **30**Then I was by him, as a master workman; And I was daily his delight, Rejoicing always before him, **31**Rejoicing in his habitable earth; And my delight was with the sons of men. [ASV] Here, though not a person, wisdom is personified. Likewise, the Holy spirit, though not a person, can be personified and referred to as He.

So how is interaction with the Holy Spirit made manifest? How can one sin against the Holy Spirit? What is to be the role of the Holy Spirit in the last days? The answers to these questions will be taken up in Part 2. It will provide much food for thought, and it's going to be a very good journey. I hope to see you soon, my brothers and sisters.

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