Session 40 - The Holy Spirit

Question: *Who is the Holy Spirit? Is he a person? Is He God? How does he relate to mankind? Is he the only spirit or are there others?*

1. *Who is the Holy Spirit?*
   1. The Third Person of the Holy Trinity
2. *Is He a person?* YES
   1. Scripture references the Holy Spirit as “He”
      1. “I will send you the comfortor, the Holy Spirit, and **He** will guide you in all truth.”
   2. The Holy Spirit is treated like a person.
      1. Peter says Annanias “lied to the Holy Spirit”
   3. The Holy Spirit acts like a person.
      1. Speaks directly to apostles and evangelist in Acts.
         1. Acts 13:2 “While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and saul for the work to which I have called them.”
         2. Acts 10:19 “And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Behold three men are looking for you. Rise ang go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.’”
         3. Acts 8:29, “And the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and join this chariot.’”
3. *Is He God?* YES
   1. Acts 5:3-4 Ananias “why have you lied to the Holy Spirit...you have not lied to man but to God.”
4. *How does He relate to mankind?*
   1. He is the author of the Holy Scriptures, given for our edification.
      1. 2 Tim 3:16-17 - Scriptures are inspired “God-breathed/spirited)
   2. He is the sanctifier of those who believe in Christ.
      1. We are His Temple
      2. He aligns with our spirit.
      3. He produces fruit in the believer, i.e. Good Works
         1. Gal. 5:22-23 - 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
   3. He reveals the mind of God to through the Word. (1 Cor 2)
      1. Reveals spiritual truths to those who are spiritual
         1. Natural man is spiritually blind, dead, and enemy of God. Only the Holy Spirit can illuminate, raise, and reconcile man to God.
      2. Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, through the Word given by Gabriel.
   4. He does not work apart from the Word.
   5. He is the author and giver of life and forgiveness and salvation..
      1. God breathed His Spirit into Adam, Ezekiel, dry bones, Jesus breathed unto the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”, if you forgive sins they are forgiven...
5. *Is He the only spirit or are there others?* There are others.
   1. 1 John 4:1-6: 4 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. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 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. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
   2. Angels are called “ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation.”
      1. The devil disguises himself as an angel of light. (2 Cor 11:14)
   3. Other spirits
      1. Spirit of the World, Spirit of Antichrist, Spirit of peace, joy, etc.