

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Deuteronomy 5:1-21 and Acts 2:1-13

**SINGING:** 287:1-3 – 446:2 – 319:1-5 – 306:1-4 – 134:1-3

**A Triple Tribute to the Third Person of the Trinity**

**1) He is God Himself 2) He is God humbling 3) He is God serving**

**I. HE IS GOD HIMSELF**

- A. The Holy Spirit is not just *power or influence* of God (John 3:8; Acts 2:2)
1. Bible gives us many details about Holy Spirit *each describing a Person*
    - a. He creates (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 33:6)
    - b. He strives (Gen. 6:3; John 16:8)
    - c. He teaches and commands (John 16:13; Rev. 2/3; Acts 1:2)
    - d. He can be vexed (Is. 63:10) or grieved (Eph. 4:30)
    - e. He is sovereign (1 Cor. 12:11)
  2. As the ‘Third Person of Holy Trinity’ we are to honor Him as God
  3. The blasphemy against Holy Ghost proves Him to be God (Matt 12:31)
- B. Do you recognize and honor Him in your *prayers – worship?*

**II. He is the glorious God humbling**

- A. The ‘root’ of Pentecost Day goes back to eternity (Acts 2:1; Jer. 31:3)
1. Each Person contributes to the work of salvation
    - a. Father’s part: John 3:16; Gal. 4:4
    - b. Son’s part: Phil 2:5-8
    - c. Spirit’s part: Acts 2:1-13
  2. As it is fitting to exalt the Son’s willingness to humble Himself, so it is fitting that we exalt the Spirit’s willingness to do so!
- B. Give therefore the Spirit the same tribute as we give the Father and Son

*Eternal Spirit! How we bless and sing the wonders of Thy grace  
Thy power conveys Thy blessings down from God the Father and the Son  
Enlightened by Thy heavenly ray, our spiritual darkness turns to day  
Thine inward teachings makes us know, our danger and our refuge too  
Thy power and glory work within, to break the chains of reigning sin  
Our dominating lusts subdue, and form our fallen hearts anew*

### **III. He is God serving**

A. How astounding is the revelation that *the Creator serves the creatures*

B. Holy Spirit is dishonored by our ignorant neglect of His serving work

1. Honor Him for serving to keep our world *livable and beautiful*
  - a. Ps. 104:30 - Ex. 31:2-3 - 2 Thess. 1:8-9
  2. Honor Him for serving God's Kingdom in this world
    - a. Inspired the Word: 2 Peter 1:21
    - b. Calls/equips ambassadors of His Word: Acts 2
  3. Honor Him for His greatest work: *building of God's Kingdom in saving sinners elect*: Acts 16:14; 31-33

**Observations** on the '*communion of the Holy Spirit be with you*' (2 Cor. 13:14)

A. What is the communion of the Holy Spirit?

1. Communion is ***participation*** in the work and life of the Spirit of God

B. Why must we seek His communion?

C. How must I seek His communion as the "comforter"?

1. Gift communion with Spirit as *comforter* is through faith in Christ's Gospel message: Acts 2:38; John 7:37-38; Gal. 3:2  
*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:37-39*
2. Avoid everything that vexes or grieves the Spirit: Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30  
*But they rebelled, and vexed His holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them.*
3. Pray fervently to the Father for the gift of Holy Spirit: Luke 11:13  
*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?*