

## **Thought for the day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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### **Holy Spirit part 2**

Last week I talked about Holy Spirit. This week permit me to go into it a little bit more. I would like to break Holy Spirit into two parts.

At Pentecost we think of the coming of the Holy Spirit. There are some 240 references to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament alone, many of them in Paul's letters, but also some in John's Gospel.

The Holy Spirit is described as doing all kinds of wonderful things in people; but when Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit, He focuses on two aspects. One is that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth; the other is that the Holy Spirit brings comfort. We can link these two ideas together by considering freedom.

Starting with "Truth". With Jesus, "Truth" it is not a nice set of abstract philosophical propositions or scientific theories – rather, it is seeing the world as it really is, which we cannot really do unless we also see God at the center of the Universe. It is not the God of Deism. In Deism there is a God; God does create the Universe; but afterwards He does nothing. The God of Deism is like someone who winds up a clock, sets it ticking, and then goes to sleep. It is as if you have a God without the Holy Spirit. Such a God might be popular, being so undemanding, but is not worth believing in!

Our Christian belief of Trinity is that God is one God, but three coeternal and consubstantial persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Or putting it in another way - Trinity is the unity of Father Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that He will send us the Holy Spirit – the Comforter.

#### **Please consider the following questions.**

1. What does it mean for us to have the Holy Spirit in us, to be true, honest Christians?
2. What do we really, deep down, believe and why? What would God want from us?
3. How should we respond to the love of Christ, and how do we use our freedoms?

**Bible passage: John 15: 26 – 16 -15.**

#### **Prayer:**

God of mystery and majesty, free us from all that constrains imagination and limits our dreams. By your Holy Spirit illuminate our minds and expand our vision for a better world and safe future for all people.

AMEN.