



THE THIRD GOD

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Did the Holy Spirit's Role
Change After Pentecost?

YES, NO, & MAYBE

1. My personal and professional responsibilities and assignments have always seemed to change.
2. I'm an open book. I let most everyone in on my most personal issues.
3. I am hesitant about becoming passionate about the Holy Spirit's work, because I haven't really considered His role in my life.
4. God still works with His people the same way that He did in the Old Testament.
5. The Holy Spirit can do things now, after we were ransomed, that He could not do before and maintain His record of fairness.

DIG DEEPER

ANOTHER WITNESS?

• **READ John 15:26.**

» Why do you think Jesus told his disciples that he would have the Father send someone else? Why wouldn't the Godhead continue to work with humanity the same way they had for millennia?

NOT JUST WITH YOU, NOW IN YOU:

• **READ John 14:16, 17.**

» Did roles change within the Godhead after the ascension of Christ?

» Why is the Holy Spirit (seemingly) so much more active and accessible after Pentecost than before? Is it because God had successfully paid the "bill" for our sins and had purchased back the territory previously claimed by the enemy? Or was it something else?

HOLY SPIRIT'S TIME LINE:

• **READ John 7:37-39.**

» What relevant understanding may the people have had of Jesus' reference to water?

NOTES

DIG DEEPER...continued:

- » What was the prior role and ministry of the Holy Spirit?
 - What was changed at Pentecost?

- *The setting of Christ's big announcement.*

- » Why do you think the Gospel writer said that the Holy Spirit did not come until after Jesus was glorified? What is the meaning of glorified? (See John 12:16; 15:8; 16:14; 21:19)

NEW MINISTRY ROLES?

•READ John 16:12-15.

- » What are the ministries of the Holy Spirit listed here? Discuss what those ministries mean to us.
- » How does this section also demonstrate that the Holy Spirit is a separate person from God the Son?

MY PRAYERS:

1. How do I need to allow the Holy Spirit to either change His ministry in my life or be more active than I may have yet permitted?
2. In what ways have I let the Holy Spirit be “with” me, but not “in” me?
3. What new thing does God need me to know about His character this week?