

Key Scripture:

2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

The Helper

John 15:26-27 NKJV

26 "But when the <u>Helper</u> comes, whom <u>I</u> shall send to you from the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Spirit of truth</u> who proceeds from the <u>Father</u>, He will testify of <u>Me</u>.

27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Does the Holy Spirit seem like a 3rd wheel to you?

✓ The Holy Spirit helped in creation.

Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV

In the beginning *God created* the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

Hebrew: elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural noun for God.

Genesis 1:26 NKJV

Then <u>God</u> said, "<u>Let Us make man in Our image</u>, according to <u>Our</u> likeness;

 \checkmark The Holy Spirit has always existed with the Father and the Son.

Hebrews 9:14 NLT

Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of <u>the eternal Spirit</u>,

Christ offered Himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

✓ The Holy Spirit bears witness with the Son and the Father.

John 5:31-32 NKJV

31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. 32 <u>There is another who bears</u> witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

Matthew 3:16-17 NKJV

16 When He had been baptized, <u>Jesus</u> came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the <u>Spirit of God descending like a dove</u> and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,

"This is **My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased."

1 John 5:7 NKJV

For there are three that bear witness in heaven:

the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

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Holy Spirit

The 3rd Wheel

To know Jesus and the Father – You must know the Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NKJV

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

- "The **Lord**" Hebrew: Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw'); (the) self-Existent or Eternal
- "our **God**" Hebrew: Hebrew: elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural noun for God.
- "the **Lord is one**" Hebrew: 'echad (ekh-awd'); properly, united, one; together

Befriending the 3rd Wheel

2 Corinthians 13:14 Message

The <u>amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ</u>, the <u>extravagant love of God</u>, the <u>intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit</u>, be with all of you.

1. Communication: Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:19 NKJV

While Peter thought about the vision, *the Spirit said to him*, "Behold, three men are seeking you.

Acts 8:29 NLT

The *Holy Spirit said* to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage.

Revelation 2:7 NKJV

"He who has an ear, *let him hear what the Spirit says* to the churches.

2. Construction: Work with the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:9 PHILLIPS

In this work, <u>we work with God</u>, and that means that you are a field under God's cultivation, or, of you <u>like</u>, a house being built to His plan.

3. Connection: Develop an intimate friendship with Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:5 NIV

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but <u>those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on</u> what the Spirit desires.

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