

The Holy Spirit: In Creation

“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.” (from the Nicene Creed)

Last week, we took time to be reminded of the characteristics, shared and more unique, of each of the persons in the Holy Trinity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our particular focus, yet cannot be considered or discussed apart from the Father and the Son, as they all are indeed of one nature, one essence, and one will.

So, how far back does the Holy Spirit go? The answer is – WAY back, just as with God the Son. God always has been and always will be - without beginning or end. The Spirit was central to the creation story, and continues to be.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God [mighty wind] was hovering over the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2 NIV)

The Spirit was working from the start, including when human life came to be.

...then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Gen. 2:7)

Job declared:

The spirit of God has made me, the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4) Job is convinced his existence is due to the Spirit!

Let's be clear – there would be no life at all, in any aspect of creation, if matter had not been breathed upon by the Spirit of life!

And what about Jesus? What does John 1:1-5 say concerning where Jesus was “in the beginning?” What role did the Spirit have in the birth of Jesus? (Luke 1:34-35)

Then, what role did the Spirit have at the beginning of Jesus' ministry? (John 1:23-24, Matthew 3:16-17) Notice the words of love!

If we are told we must be “born again” and also walk in “newness of life” can any of that be accomplished apart from the work of the Holy Spirit?