

The Ology Islands 15



Day Three on Pneuma Island

Captain's Log: We have conquered two islands and are now on Pneuma Island (pronounced "newma".) Embedded in the hidden trenches on this strip are the notorious Pirates of Deism. The Treasure Hunt section will focus on sound doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit.

Many teachers teach that the Holy Spirit is not a person and that He is not God. It is widely believed that He is an impersonal force or an emotional feeling. However, it is clearly taught in the Bible that He is God, but He is a different person from the Father and the Son. In the Treasure Hunt section we will discover some of the attributes of the Holy Spirit. We will see from these attributes that the Holy Spirit is Yahweh. This helps us to defeat those who profess a generic god and do not have any personal relationship to them.



Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:

The Holy Spirit is...

1. ...Mentioned as equal with the Father and Son:

Matthew 28:18-19 ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of **the Son**, and of **the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (BSB)

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (BSB)

1 Corinthians 12:3-6 ³Therefore I inform you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different ways of working, but the same God works all things in all people. (BSB)

- We are to baptize into our **Triune** God.
- We can only declare Jesus is our Lord through the **power** of the Holy Spirit.

2. ...God and can be blasphemed:

Matthew 12:31-32 ³¹Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³²Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the one to come. (BSB)

1 John 5:16-17 ¹⁶If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he should ask God, who will give life to those who commit this kind of sin. There is a sin

that leads to death; I am not saying he should ask regarding that sin. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, yet there is sin that does not lead to death. (BSB)

- Persistent **rejection** of the promptings of the Holy Spirit can lead to a point of no return.
- This total hardness of our heart leads to an unforgiveable sin known as **blasphemy** of the Holy Spirit.

The **unforgivable sin** is the deliberate, knowing rejection of the Holy Spirit's work and testimony about Jesus. It goes beyond mere words and reflects a hardened, unrepentant heart that continually resists the Spirit's conviction and refuses to acknowledge God's truth. Some believe it is total and final unbelief, persisting to the end of life in rejecting Christ. Ultimately, only God knows who is guilty of this sin. (<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-life/can-someone-commit-the-unpardonable-sin-today.html>)

3. ...God and Lord:

Acts 5:3-4 ³Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and withhold some of the proceeds from the land? ⁴Did it not belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How could you conceive such a deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God!" (BSB)

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into His image with intensifying glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (BSB)

- To **lie** to the Holy Spirit is to **lie** to God.
- The Holy Spirit takes from Christ and gives to us. We have a direct **relationship** to Jesus Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit.



Battle with the Ism Pirates: Today we battle the pirates of **deism**.

Deism: "a movement or system of thought advocating natural religion, emphasizing morality, and in the 18th century denying the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe." (Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deism>.)

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: "A God exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.

1. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
2. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
3. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
4. Good people go to heaven when they die."

(*Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* by Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton; 2005)



Set Course: We continue next week to the rocky coasts of Pneuma Island.