

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.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

1 Corinthians 12:3-6

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

2. ...God and can be blasphemed:

Matthew 12:31-32

1 John 5:16-17

- Persistent _____ 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 _____ 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

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- To _____ to the Holy Spirit is to _____ to God.

- The Holy Spirit takes from Christ and gives to us. We have a direct _____ to Jesus Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit.



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

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.](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.