

PART 1 Introducing the Neglected God



#### LUKE 11:11-13

"Which of you fathers, if your children ask for a fish, will give them a snake? Or if they ask for an egg, will give them a scorpion? If you, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## Nothing explains Christianity better than the Holy Spirit:

- Its viability and vitality
- Its miraculous birth and explosive growth
- Its transformative influence on adherents
- Its impact on the world

• Its survivability under intense persecution

Its supernatural witness to the world-past and present- through signs, wonders and miracles Given the Holy Spirit's work in Christian history and the supernatural manifestations fueling growth in the third-world church today, marginalizing the Spirit makes no sense!

### OUR F GOAL D

To embrace and experience the Holy Spirit's supernatural work in a way that is completely natural as we gather and as we disperse.

### OUR STARTING P POINT

We must understand that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. **He is a person!** 

### OUR E PNEUMATOLOGY

## The Holy Spirit is a person and personal.

JOHN 14:16 "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter to be with you forever."

# ANOTHER

#### **COMFORTER:** parakleto

one called alongside to counsel, comfort, protect and guide

### ANOTHER COMFORTER

A N O T H E R : allon another of the same kind

(Heteros - another of a different kind.)

# ANOTHER

Just as God wants us to know him as a person, as does Jesus, so the Holy Spirit wants us to embrace him as a person– another of the same kind.

## HOLY SPIRIT

## The Holy Spirit has intellect.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:11

"No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit."

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#### ROMANS 8:27

"He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

## HOLY SPIRIT

### The Holy Spirit has will.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:11

"The Spirit distributes spiritual gifts, just as he wills."

#### ACTS 13:2

"As they worshiped and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.""

## THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### The Holy Spirit has **feelings**.

#### EPHESIANS 4:30

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

If the Holy Spirit can be grieved he can be pleased.

God the Spirit waits to be wanted.

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#### Our Daily Prayer of Surrender

Holy Spirit, fill me. I invite you to take charge of my life today. Let me know you more sweetly, deeply, and personally than ever before. I surrender to you. Holy Spirit come, take me over!



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