

Answers!

Lesson #2

Question #3: **Has the Holy Spirit always existed?**

Answer: **Yes.**

Key verse:

Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal** Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The Holy Spirit here is described as _____ .

Explanation:

Eternal here means "without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be." The Greek work for eternal (aionios) is translated "everlasting" 25 times in our King James New Testament.

2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Who is the Spirit in this verse? The _____

Compare the story when Ananias lied in **Acts 5:3,4**.

Who did Peter say he lied to in v.3: _____

Who did Peter say he lied to in v. 4: _____

Because the Holy Ghost is God, He has always existed.

Further Notes:

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Question #4: **Is God a Trinity?**

Answer: **Yes.**

Explanation:

Under Question #3 we learned that the Holy Spirit is God. Under Question #2 we learned that the Lord Jesus Christ is God. We also know that the Heavenly Father is God. Yet over and over the Scriptures say there is only one God (Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:32; Romans 3:30; I Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; I Timothy 2:5; James 2:9; Isaiah 44:8) . How do we reconcile this?

It's called the Doctrine of the Trinity: That God exists eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Consider how this is taught in the following scriptures:

Genesis 1:26a, "And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: ..."

1 John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Notice that the word "name" is singular.

Illustration:

To understand how three persons or objects can be the same (one) yet different, consider:

H₂O can be a solid - ice - yet be 100% H₂O

H₂O can be a gas - steam - yet be 100% H₂O

H₂O can be liquid - water - yet 100% H₂O

Is not God greater than water? Didn't he make water?

Further Notes:
