A person wearing a vibrant, multi-colored patterned robe is shown from the side, blowing a long, curved trumpet. The scene is set against a dramatic sunset sky with a bright sun on the left and a horizon line. The background features rolling hills or mountains under a hazy, orange and yellow light. The overall mood is one of celebration and triumph.

So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. (2 Samuel 6:15)



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

2. Knowing the Holy Spirit

- ④ The consequence of the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost is that Jesus is Lord **OVER** the Church & the Holy Spirit is Lord **IN** the Church.
- ④ The Lordship of Jesus **OVER** the Church is only effective to the extent that the Holy Spirit is Lord **IN** the Church.
- ④ In the same manner, Jesus is Lord **OVER** our lives while the Holy Spirit is Lord **IN** our lives.
- ④ The Lordship of Jesus **OVER** our lives is only effective to the extent that the Holy Spirit is Lord **IN** our lives.

34. But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.
35. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,
36. Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?
37. And He said to him, **you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**
38. "This is the great and foremost commandment."

Matthew 22:34–38

28. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
29. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; **worship the Lord** in holy array.
30. Tremble before Him, all the earth; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
31. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

Knowing the Holy Spirit

1 Should we worship the Holy Spirit?

I do remember hearing, some time in the past, a sermon on the Holy Spirit, and the message was that we are not to pray to, nor sing to, the Holy Spirit as His function is to point to Jesus only. It made the Holy Spirit sound like the least important member of the Trinity which is obviously not correct as you explained in your message. As a consequence, I have always felt uncomfortable when there were songs in church that spoke directly to the Holy Spirit!! So thanks again for clarifying!

- ▶ There is nothing that I can see in Scripture that says that we are not to worship the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ The question (about worshipping the Holy Spirit) is answered simply on the basis that **the Holy Spirit IS GOD** & that He is co-equally God with the Father and the Son.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

- ▶ I suggest that means loving the Godhead: Father, Son & Holy Spirit, with all my heart, soul & mind.
- ▶ I suggest that DOES NOT mean loving only the Father, and that it DOES NOT mean loving the Son or the Holy Spirit any less than we love the Father.
- ▶ I suggest that when Scripture speaks about worshipping God, that means worshipping the Godhead: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

We know that only God should be worshipped (see Exodus 34:14 & Revelation 22:9). Only God deserves worship. The question of whether we should worship the Holy Spirit is answered simply by determining whether the Holy Spirit is God. **If the Holy Spirit is God, then He can and should be worshipped.**

Since the Holy Spirit is God and God is “worthy of praise” (Psalm 18:3), then the Holy Spirit is worthy of worship. And **since there is one God who exists in three Persons, when we worship God, we naturally worship all three Members of the Godhead.**

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What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realise and enjoy fellowship as partners and partakers with us. And **[this] fellowship that we have** [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] **is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah).**

1 John 1:3 (Amplified Bible)

The grace (favour and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and **the presence and fellowship** (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (so be it).

2 Corinthians 13:14 (Amplified Bible)

1. Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any affection and compassion,
2. make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Philippians 2:1-2

Knowing the Holy Spirit

1 Should we worship the Holy Spirit?

2 A true relationship can ONLY exist with a Person

He who does not know God the
Holy Spirit cannot know God at all.

Thomas Arnold

For all who are being led by the Spirit
of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:14

7. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
8. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who **sows to the Spirit** will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

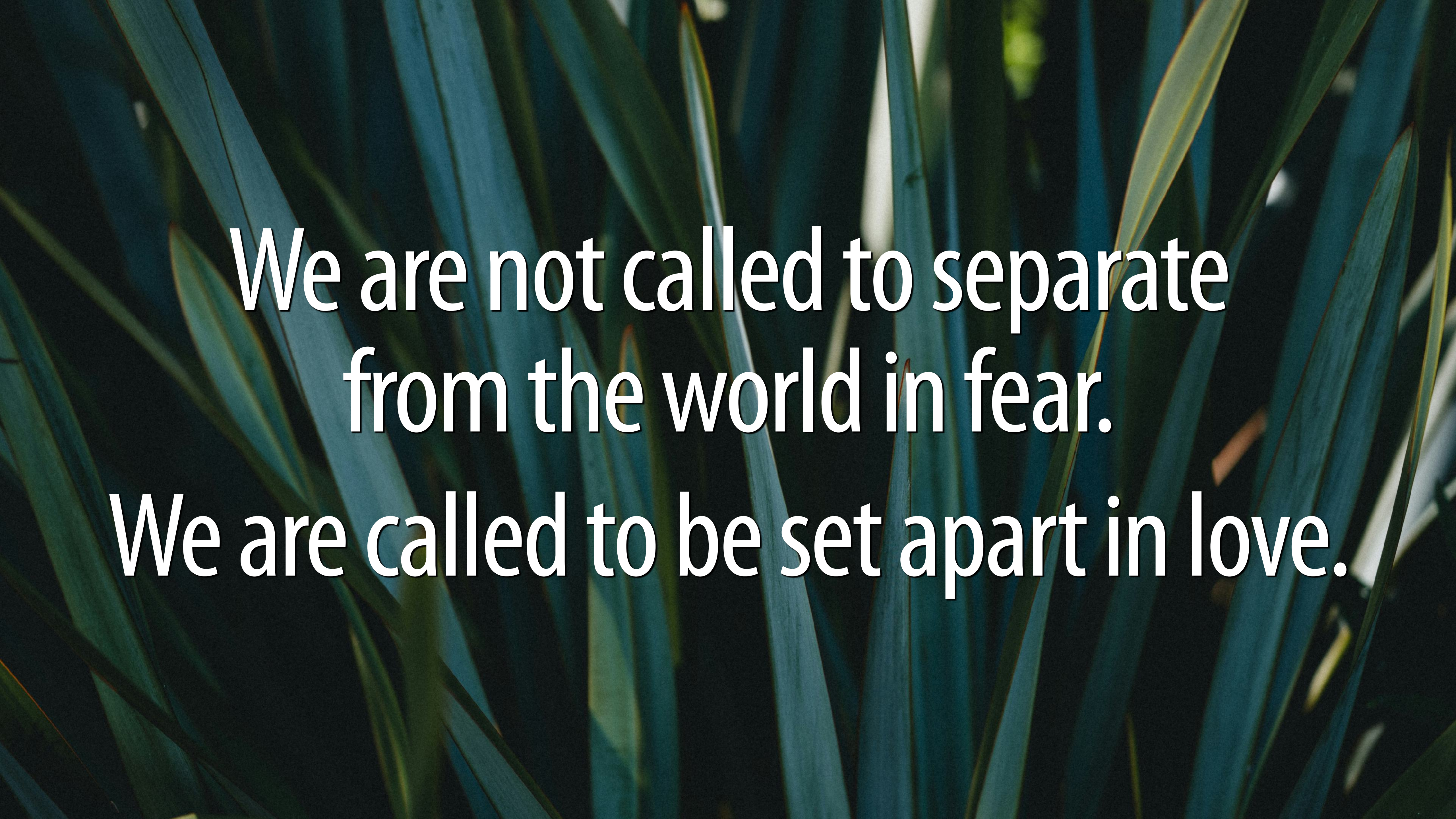
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3 Fear will keep us from knowing & experiencing the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Fear is the opposite to faith
- ▶ Fear is what the devil uses to paralyse & to discourage believers
- ▶ Fear comes from a lack of understanding & knowledge about God
- ▶ Fear comes from choosing to believe a lie rather than choosing to believe in God's sovereignty, in His power & in His Word
- ▶ Fear is self-focused, faith is God-focused
- ▶ Fear is about security & control: faith is about trust & obedience
- ▶ Fear is timid: faith is bold
- ▶ Fear looks at the circumstances & gathers doubt: faith takes God at His word
- ▶ Fear cripples but God's truth sets us free

The background of the image consists of a dense field of long, narrow, blue-green leaves, possibly from a plant like an iris or a similar species. The leaves are oriented vertically and have a slightly wavy, textured appearance. The lighting is soft, creating subtle gradients of blue and green, with some areas appearing darker and others lighter, giving the background a sense of depth and natural texture.

We are not called to separate
from the world in fear.

We are called to be set apart in love.

For [you seem readily to endure it] if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the One we preached, or **if you receive a different spirit from the [Spirit] you [once] received** or a different gospel from the one you [then] received and welcomed; you tolerate [all that] well enough!

2 Corinthians 11:4 (Amplified Bible)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.**

1 Timothy 4:1

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Cessationism
Extreme Conservatism



And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on My bondservants, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18

The Person & the Work of the Holy Spirit

Cessationism
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Our convictions, our expectations, our theological standpoint on anything, especially our convictions, our expectations, our theological standpoint concerning the Person & the work of the Holy Spirit & the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit . . .

- ▶ cannot be based on finding a balance between two extremes
- ▶ cannot be based on finding a safe middle ground
- ▶ cannot be based on how we would like others to perceive us or on how we would like to perceive ourselves

Our convictions, our expectations & our theological viewpoints can **ONLY** be based on the Word of God.

If our experiences concerning the Person & the work of the Holy Spirit & the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit are less than or different from what God's Word declares then...

- ▶ we need to make sure that our convictions & our expectations & our theological viewpoints come into line with God's Word.
- ▶ we need to be sure that we haven't settled for less than ALL that God's Word declares simply because we have settled for that which is safe or for that which is a happy balance.

How do we walk in FAITH & NOT in FEAR? How do we ensure that we walk in TRUTH & not in ERROR concerning the Person & the work of the Holy Spirit & the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit?

- ▶ we must know the Holy Spirit for ourselves out of a vital & growing personal relationship with Him as the Third Person of the Trinity



When a bank hires an employee, he is trained to recognise counterfeit bills. One would think that the best way to recognise a counterfeit would be to study various counterfeits. The problem is that new counterfeits are being created every day. **The best way to recognise a counterfeit bill is to have an intimate knowledge of the real thing.** Having studied authentic bills, bank cashiers are not fooled when a counterfeit comes along. **A knowledge of the true helps them identify the false.**

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- ▶ we must understand that the Holy Spirit is the HOLY Spirit

3. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back some of the price of the land?
4. While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

Acts 5:3-4

Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the Lord spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.'"

Leviticus 10:3

▶ Nothing that is UNHOLY or UGLY proceeds from the HOLY Spirit

▶ Anything that is:

- self-exalting

- self-assertive

- vulgar

- rude

- a sham

- indecent

- insensitive

- stupid

- silly

- flippant

- degraded & degrading

DOES NOT proceed from the HOLY Spirit

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- ▶ we must understand that the Holy Spirit is the HOLY Spirit
- ▶ we must understand that anything said or done that is ascribed to the Holy Spirit that doesn't line up with God's Word is the work of a false spirit, another spirit.

- ▶ has the fear of the false, the counterfeit, robbed us of a genuine expectation for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives & in the church today?
- ▶ do we have a biblical faith & a biblical expectation for genuine miracles, genuine manifestations of the Holy Spirit & a genuine outworking of what we call spiritual gifts?
- ▶ have we allowed our Christian experience to become emotionless, devoid of genuine experiences & encounters with God & devoid of genuine biblical emotions like “joy inexpressible & full of glory” & worship that is the overflow of our hearts in true love & adoration for the Lord?

9. As the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].
10. Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (Amplified Bible)

15. Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
16. He who has believed and has been baptised shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.
17. **These signs will accompany those who have believed:** in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;
18. they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Mark 16:15-18