

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE SPIRIT.

1) Early references to the Godhead in the Gospel of John

- a. John 1:1-4,14-18 What members of the Godhead are mentioned in the opening sentences of John's Gospel?
- b. What additional member of the Godhead is mentioned in this opening chapter? John 1:32-33
- c. The apostle Matthew records the testimony of Jesus regarding all three members of the Godhead at the conclusion of his Gospel record. Matthew 28:19
- d. What is your understanding of the relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

2) God the Father

- a. Where is the first specific reference to God the Father in the Gospel of John? John 1:14
- b. Jesus refers to God the Father in various ways: "My Father", "Holy Father", "righteous Father", "Abba, Father," etc. What can we learn from these varied ways of addressing God the Father? (John 17:3)
- c. What special work of God the Father is highlighted in the Gospel of John? John 3:16-17, 5:19-23,30, 14:10,24, 6:44-45, 16:23, etc.
- d. Why do you think Jesus invites us to address God the Father as "our Father"? (Matthew 6:9, Luke 11:2)

3) God the Son

- a. Where in the Gospel of John is Jesus first referred to as the Son of God? John 1:18, 34
- b. What was the mission of Son of God in His incarnation? John 10:10-11, Luke 19:10, etc.
- c. How does Jesus describe His relationship with God the Father? John 10:30, 14:10,23, etc.
- d. How complete is the revelation of Jesus regarding His Father? John 14:9 (see also Hebrews 1:1-3)
- e. As you contemplate the life of Jesus, what revelation do you see about our Father in heaven?

4) God the Holy Spirit

- a. Where is the first reference to the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John? John 1:32-33
- b. Where in the Gospel of John does Jesus first refer to the Holy Spirit? John 3:5-8
- c. What important ministry of the Holy Spirit is emphasized by Jesus? John 6:63, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-11, Acts 1:8, etc.
- d. What other insights can we learn about the Holy Spirit from our study of the Scriptures? Romans 8:14-16,26, 1 Corinthians 12:3-4,11, Galatians 5:16,22-23, Ephesians 4:30, Acts 5:1-4, etc.
- e. Share at time when you sensed the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit in a special way.

