

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sermon: No Other Gospel Part 6
The Essential Doctrine of Deity of Jesus, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
Scripture Text: John 14:1–4
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Those who have faith need no explanation, for those who have no faith, no explanation is possible.

John 14:1–4 (NKJV) 1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

The doctrine of faith we will be discussing today is the “faith” pertaining to the synonym “belief” and its derivatives. (believe, believing, trust).

There are Four main areas where we must exercise our faith”

1. Faith in God
2. Faith in the word of God
3. Faith in Jesus
4. Faith in the Holy Spirit

We covered the first two last week. This week we pick up at Essential doctrine of faith number 3, Faith in Jesus Christ.

1. The Essential Doctrine of Faith in Jesus Christ.

The doctrine of faith is not confined to faith/belief only in God but in Jesus Christ as well.

John 14:1 (NKJV) 1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:11 (NKJV) 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

So far I hope we have learned that when *Galatian 1:8-9* refers to the gospel preached by the Apostles it is referring to TWO gospels they preached, **the gospel of God** (*Rom 1:1,15:16, 2 Cor 11:7, 1 Thess. 2:2,8.9.1 Pet 4:17*), and the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** (*Mark 1:1, Rom.1:16, 15:19,29, 1 Cor. 9:12,18,2 Cor. 2:12,4:4,9:13,10:14,Gal.1:7,Phil 1:27,1Thess 3:2*).

Those two Gospels are truly Essential to our faith, our Salvation and to Eternal life.

John 3:16–17 (NKJV) 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 1:29 (NKJV) 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

The Essential Doctrine of The Deity of Jesus

The Gospel of Jesus Christ becomes just another mythical story if Jesus is not who He said He is. He is either a lunatic or a liar.

Jesus is no ordinary man. He is the Son of man and the Son of God. To believe this is essential to our pathway to salvation.

John 14:6 (NKJV) 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Timothy 2: 5 (NKJV) 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

In December 2018 we spent some time talking about the “preincarnate Jesus”. In those sermons we discussed the deity of Jesus.

Now the foundation for our faith is the Word of God written in the Bible. We have no other more reliable source. It is logical thinking that if God begat a Son that the Son would be like God.

Four times in the NT Jesus is referred to as God’s only “Begotten Son”. If this is true then it is logical that Jesus would have all the traits and characteristics of His Father, God.

John 10:30 (NKJV) 30” I and My Father are one.” [presupposes unity of nature and essence, JM] (John 5:18, John 17:22)

Colossians 2:9 (NIV84) 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ...

Colossians 2:9 (NRSV) 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

Remember the words “in the beginning in both Gen 1:1 and John1:1?” The true beginning of Jesus goes further back than the beginning of creation.

John 17:24 (NKJV) 24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Now we know that Jesus is the Word of God, which is one of His titles.

Revelation 19:13 (NKJV) 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

The Bible says that “the Word (Jesus, Rev 19:13) became flesh.” *John 1:14.*
... (*Matthew 1:23 “God with us.”*)

I believe that because Jesus is God's begotten Son, **He has all the deity, authority and Power that goes with it**

Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (John 3:35)

Jesus is the image of God

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

The preincarnate Jesus became the incarnate Jesus on that Christmas night.

Galatians 4:4 (NKJV) 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, ...

Consider Peter, the one to whom God revealed who Jesus really was.

Matthew 16:15–17 (NKJV) 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The Angels confirmed His deity

*Matthew 1:22 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "**God with us.**" Confirming His deity.*

2. The Essential Doctrine of Faith in the Holy Spirit.

I believe that this doctrine gets the least amount of attention that it deserves. Unless you were raised in or attended a Pentecostal based religion, very little attention was given to the second greatest gift given to believers' being the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In the past I have done an extensive series on the Holy Spirit so today I will just mention or list some key points I have listed in your program.

All of what I have been saying will have very little or no meaning if there is not faith in the Word of God. The scriptures and the Gospels are our most reliable source of information. They become the foundation of our faith and our practice.

You will never convince a person of the "virgin birth" if they do not believe the scriptures and Gospels for it is by faith that we believe.

We do not always have perfect faith (belief) but we must have some. Many have just short of a mustard seed faith and many more believe but need help with their unbelief.

Mark 9:24 (NKJV) 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Message Scriptures: **John 14:1–4**, *John 14:11*, *Galatian 1:8-9*, **the gospel of God** (*Rom 1:1,15:16*, *2 Cor 11:7*, *1 Thess. 2:2,8,9.1 Pet 4:17*), **Gospel of Jesus Christ** (*Mark 1:1*, *Rom.1:16*, *15:19,29*, *1 Cor. 9:12,18*,*2 Cor. 2:12,4:4,9:13,10:14*, *Gal.1:7*,*Phil 1:27*,*1Thess 3:2*), *John 3:16–17*, *John 1:29*, *John 14:6*, *1 Timothy 2: 5*, *John 10:30*, *John 5:18*, *John 17:22*, *John 17:24* ,*Colossians 2:9*, *Revelation 19:13*, *John 1:14*. *Matthew 1:23*, *Matthew 28:18*, *Colossians 1:15*, *Galatians 4:4*, *Matthew 16:15–17*, *Matthew 1:22 22*, *Mark 9:24*.

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The Essential Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a gift sent by God.
John 14:25-27 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,
2. The Holy Spirit is our Down Payment on Eternal life
2 Cor 1:20-22 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. NKJV
3. The Holy Spirit gives unique gifts to help us do the work of ministry.
1 Cor 12:4-11 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (Rom 12:6-8)
4. The Holy Spirit lives within us.
1 Cor 6:-19 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,...
5. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray
Rom 8:26-27 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings...
6. The Holy Spirit is a confirmation of our position as intimate children of God.
Rom 8:14-17 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Gal 4:4-7)
7. The Holy Spirit is our Helper (NKJ0 Comforter (KJV)
John 14:15-18 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper,
8. The Holy Spirit is our Spiritual teacher
John 14:26 26 ..., He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (1 John 2: 27)
9. The Holy Spirit is our source of power
Acts 4:31 31 After this prayer, the building where they were meeting shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly preached God's message. NKJV
10. The Holy Spirit will give you power to face even difficulties, persecutions and even death.
Acts 20:22-24 22 "And now I am going to Jerusalem, drawn there irresistibly by the Holy Spirit, not knowing what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit has told me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead.