# More On the Helper (JOHN 3:1-8)

1. God is three Persons.

2. Each Person is fully God.

3. There is one God.

- 1. The Father is God.
- 2. The Son is God.
- 3. The Holy Spirit is God.
- 4. The Father is not the Son.
- 5. The Father is not the Holy Spirit.
- 6. The Son is not the Holy Spirit.

(Review)

<u>Personhood</u>

**Power** 

Presence

"The Holy Spirit relates to us as a person. He does things to us and for us, things that we normally associate with personal activity. He teaches us. He comforts us. He guides us. He encourages us. The way in which the Spirit comforts, guides, teaches, etc., is a personal way. Because the Holy Spirit can be loved, adored, obeyed, offended, grieved, or sinned against, He must be a person." - R.C. Sproul

#### Luke 24:49 -

<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

"When something is started, we say that is generated. If it is started again, it is regenerated. The Greek verb geniouo that is translated as 'generate' means 'to be', 'to become,' or 'to happen'. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is change. It is a radical change into a new kind of being. To be regenerated does not mean that we changed from a human being into a divine being. It does mean that we are changed from spiritually dead human beings into spiritually alive human beings."- R.C. Sproul

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#### **Ezekiel 36:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a

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will be careful to observe My ordinances.

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- III. New birth is brought about by the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. (5-8)
  - Jesus develops the new birth as a <u>cleansing</u> from sin and a <u>creation</u> of new life. (Something Nicodemus should have known).