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1. God's Enduring Testimony

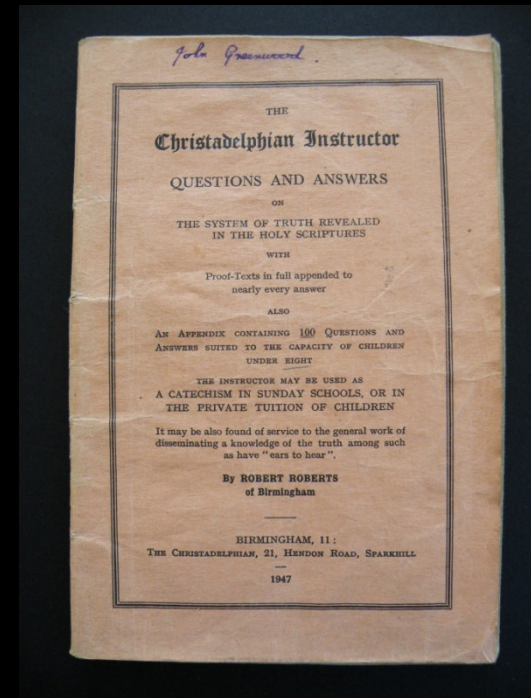
2. God's Mighty Power

3. God was in Christ

4. God's Good Gifts

5. God's Loving Care

- Who made all things?  
God
- Where is God?  
In Heaven
- Is He anywhere else?  
Yes: He is everywhere



- How can God be everywhere if He is in heaven?

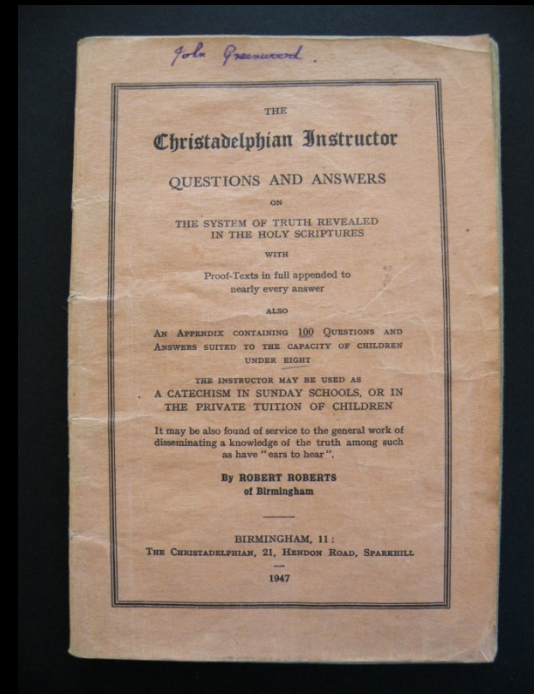
By His Spirit; His Spirit fills heaven and earth

- What is His Spirit?

His invisible power, of which all things are made

- What is God Himself?

He is a being of glorious spirit substance



## PSALM 139

O LORD, you have searched me and  
you know me.

You know ...

You discern ...

You are familiar with my ways ...

## PSALM 51

David pleads for:

- compassion
- transgressions to be blotted out
- iniquity to be washed away
- sin to be cleansed

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or  
take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and  
grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

PSALM 51.10-12

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David's spirit (*rûach*) is broken (51.17) and he wants to live differently in future:

- renew a steadfast spirit (*rûach*) within me (51.10)
- grant me a willing spirit (*rûach*) to sustain me (51.12)
- do not ... take your holy Spirit (*rûach*) from me (51.11)

## Uses of *rûach* in the Old Testament:

- The wind, especially as created by God
- The breath of life in animals and humans
- The presence of God, particularly as the source of temporary or permanent special powers
- The human spirit

## DEUTERONOMY 32.10-11

- found
- shielded
- cared for
- guarded
- hovered
- led

## JOB 26.13-14

By his breath (*rûach*) the skies became fair;  
his hand pierced the gliding serpent.  
And these are but the outer fringes of his works;  
how faint the whisper we hear of him!  
Who then can understand the thunder of his  
power?

## JOB 42.5-6

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes  
have seen you.  
Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust  
and ashes.

## PSALM 103.13-14

A father → compassion → his children

The LORD → compassion → those who fear him

## ISAIAH 63.7ff

kindness

praiseworthy deeds

good things

compassion

many kindnesses

salvation

love

mercy

redemption

lifting up and carrying

## ISAIAH 63.10

They, of all people, rebelled ...

## ISAIAH 63.11-14

1. Hebrew poetry (63.11-12):

His holy Spirit → His glorious arm of  
power

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3. Isaiah 63 and Exodus 15 are both about  
deliverance, salvation, light, shepherding,  
rest.

## EXODUS 35.30-36.1

- Bezalel was filled with the Spirit of God – with skill, ability and knowledge
- by the same Spirit, he and Oholiab were given the ability to teach others
- it was the LORD who taught them all



## Question of the Day #2

Why are so many of the New Testament occurrences of the phrase 'Holy Spirit' in the writings of Luke – the Gospel and Acts – and relatively few in the Letters?

13 x in Luke's Gospel

41 x in Acts

12 x in other Gospels

16x in Paul's Letters

8 x in other Letters

0 x in Revelation

90

} 60% of total

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5 x in Romans and Hebrews

3 x in 1 Thessalonians

2 x in 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Ephesians

1 x in 2 Timothy, Titus, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude

Not at all in Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, Philemon, James, 1, 2 or 3 John

# The Spirit of God

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1.3-4