

## THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is a person - the 3rd Person of the Trinity. He is eternally existant and equal with the Father and the Son. His distinct personality is affirmed in every Biblical text which refers to Him. He is not merely a power, "force" or influence - all of which are impersonal. This progressive outline is a Bible study which will reveal to you what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit. This is a study of supreme importance and vital for every Christian to understand the Spirit's involvement in our personal lives (regeneration, spiritual growth, conviction, fruitfulness, victory over sin and power for living and serving Christ!) The more you understand about the Holy Spirit, the more appreciative you'll become of God's working in your life as well as experiencing the overall awareness of the Spirit's ministries. In the New Testament alone there are 261 references to the Holy Spirit; 55 in the Gospels, 57 in the Book of Acts, 113 in Paul's Epistles and 36 in other epistles.

### I. The PERSONALITY of the Holy Spirit

#### A. Personal pronouns are used of Him

1. "He", "Himself", Jn.16:13-14; Rom.8:26-27
2. "Who" - Eph.1:14 (masculine pronouns in Greek)

#### B. The Holy Spirit possesses attributes of personality which are ascribed to Him

1. Mind - thinking, knowing - Rom.8:27; I Cor.2:11
2. Will - acting - I Cor.12:11; Acts 16:6-7
3. Emotion-feels - Eph.4:30; Isa.63:10
4. Life - lives - Rom.8:2; 2 Cor.3:3

#### C. The Holy Spirit performs personal works or functions which would be impossible for a mere force or impersonal influence

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| 1. He speaks - Jn.16:13; Acts 8:29     | 9. He teaches - Jn.14:26              |
| 2. He prays - Rom.8:26-27 (interceeds) | 10. He guides - Jn.16:13; Rom.8:74    |
| 3. He reproves, convicts - Jn.16:7-11  | 11. He calls into service - Acts 13:2 |
| 4. He searches - I Cor.2:10            | 12. He forbids - Acts 16:6-7          |
| 5. He testifies - Jn.15:26             | 13. He hears - Jn.16:13               |
| 6. He appoints - Acts 20:28            | 14. He glorifies Christ - Jn.16:14    |
| 7. He comforts - Jn.14:16-26           | 15.                                   |
| 8. He works - I Cor.12:11              | 16.                                   |

#### D. He is affected as a Person when human beings perform action toward Him

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| 1. He can be grieved - Eph.4:30      | 5. He can be insulted - Heb.10:29    |
| 2. He can be blasphemed - Matt.12:31 | 6. He can be lied to - Acts 5:1-4    |
| 3. He can be resisted - Acts 7:51    | 7. He can be quenched = I Thess.5:19 |
| 4. He can be obeyed - Acts 10:19-21  | 8. He can be vexed - Isa.63:10       |

### II. The DEITY of the Holy Spirit - He is God

#### A. 1. Acts 5:3-4 - "God" 2 Cor.3:18 "the Lord the Spirit"

2. Compare Isa.6:8-9 with Acts 28:25-26

3. The Spirit of God = The Spirit which is God - I Cor.2:11;3:16

#### B. He possesses Divine attributes of Deity belongonly to God

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| 1. Eternity - Heb.9:14; Rev.1:17      | 5. Omnipotent - Lk.1:35; Rom.15:19 |
| 2. Truth - I Jn.5:6 (Rom.3:4;Jn.14:6) | 6. Omnipresent - Ps.139#7-10       |
| 3. Omniscient - I Cor.2:10-11         | 7. Sovereign - I Cor.12:6-11       |
| 4. Creativity(of life)- Job 33:4      | 8. Holiness - Mt.12:31-32          |

#### C. He performs works that only God can perform

1. In creation - Ps.104:30; Job 33:4; Gen.1:2 - Elohim (plural noun for God!)
2. In regeneration - Jn.3:7-8; Titus 3:4-5
3. In resurrection - Rom.8:11



D. He is equal in reference to the Trinity with the other Persons of the Godhead

1. Lk.3:21-22 -- at Jesus' baptism
2. Matt.28:19 - baptize in Name of ... (all 3)
3. 2 Cor.13:14 - benediction - equal reference
4. I Pet.1:1; 3:18 - named together

The Holy Spirit is shown to have the attributes and characteristics and works of Deity as well as the equal reference with the Godhead. He is distinct from the Father and the Son, yet He acts in conjunction with the members of the Trinity by assuming a "voluntary subordination" to the Father and Son. He is no less equal or no less God.

III. The Titles and Names given to the Holy Spirit

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| 1. Spirit of God-Gen.1:2; Matt.3:76                     | 18. Holy Spirit-Ps.51:11; Mt.1:20      |
| 2. Spirit of the Lord God-Isa.61:1                      | 19. His Spirit-Num.11:29               |
| 3. Spirit of the Father-Matt.10:20                      | 20. Thy Spirit-Ps.139:7                |
| 4. Spirit of Grace-Heb.10:29                            | 21. My Spirit-Gen.6:3                  |
| 5. Spirit of Truth-Jn.14:17                             | 22. Comforter-Jn.14:16,26              |
| 6. Spirit of Holiness-Rom.1:4                           | 23. Eternal Spirit-Heb.9:14            |
| 7. Spirit of Life-Rom.8:2                               | 24. Spirit of Faith-2 Cor.4:13         |
| 8. Spirit of Christ-Rom.8:9; 1 Pet.1:11                 | 25. Spirit of Jesus-Acts 16:7          |
| 9. Spirit of Adoption-Rom.8:15                          | 26. Spirit of the Lord-Lk.4:18         |
| 10. Spirit of His Son-Gal.4:6                           | 27. Spirit of Our God-I Cor.6:1        |
| 11. Spirit of Glory-I Pet.4:14                          | 28. Spirit of Jehovah-Judg.3:10        |
| 12. Spirit of Prophecy-Rev.19:10                        | 29. Spirit of the Living God-2 Cor.3:3 |
| 13. Spirit of Wisdom-Eph.1:17                           | 30. Spirit of Him-Rom.8:11             |
| 14. Spirit of Wisdom & Understanding-Isa.11:2           | 31. Spirit of Jesus Christ-Phil.1:19   |
| 15. Spirit of Counsel & Might-Isa.11:2                  | 32. Spirit of the Lord-Acts 5:9;8:39   |
| 16. Spirit of Grace & Supplication-Zech.12:10           | 33. The Lord the Spirit-2 Cor.3:10     |
| 17. Spirit of Knowledge & the Fear of the Lord-Isa.11:2 | 34. Spirit of Promise-Acts 1:45        |

IV. The Works of the Holy Spirit (a general overview)

1. In creation of universe-Gen.1:2; Ps.33:6; 104:30
2. In preservation of universe - Ps.104:30; Job 33:4
3. In inspiration of Scripture - 2 Pet.1:21; I Pet.1:10-11; 2 Sam.23:2
4. In illumination of Scripture - I Cor.2:10-12; I Jn.2:23-27; Isa.40:13-14
5. In the Life of Christ - Lk.1:35; 3:21; 4:14-18; Heb.9:14; Rom.8:11
6. In the Old Testament - He came upon man temporarily to empower them for certain accomplishments - I Sam.16:14; Ps.51:11; Ex.31:3-5; 2 Sam.23:2; Judg.6:34-36; 11:29; 14:5-6; 16:19-20; 15:14. He strove with man - Gen.6:3. He stirred up heathen kings - 2 Chron.36:22
7. In the New Testament - permanent indwelling of born-again believers - Jn.14:16; I Cor.16:19 (after Pentecost) Acts 2
8. In the Church - He created the church - Acts 2:1-4; 11:15-16; I Cor.12:13
  - He indwells "the church" - I Cor.3:16
  - "ye" plural (contrast with 6:19 ind. indwe)
  - He presides over and governs it - Acts 13:2; 20:28; I Cor.12:11

V. The Works of the Holy Spirit to the Believer

1. Regenerating - Jn.3:6-8; Titus 3:5
2. Indwelling - I Cor.3:16; Rom.8:9; Gal.4:6
3. Baptizing - I Cor.12:13; Rom.6:3; Gal.3:27
4. Sealing - Eph.1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor.1:22; I Tim.2:19
5. Filling/Controlling - Eph.5:18-21; Gal.5:16-25
6. Empowering - Acts 1:8; Lk.24:49; Micah 3:8; Eph.3:20



7. Guiding/Leading - Rom.8:14; Gal.5:18; Jn.16:13; Isa.58:11
8. Giving liberty - 2 Cor.3:17; Rom.8:2
9. Imparting love - Rom.5:5
10. Giving discernment - I Jn.4:1-6; I Cor.2:10-16
11. Bearing witness (assurance) - Rom.8:16; Heb.10:15; I Jn.3:25; 5:7
12. Adopting - Rom.8:14-16
13. Convicting - Jn.16:7-11
14. Illuminating - Jn.16:13; I Cor.2:9-10
15. Comforting - Jn.14:16-26
16. Making intercession - Rom.8:26; Phil.2:13
17. Teaching (Anointing) - I Jn.2:27; Jn.14:26; 16:12-15
18. Producing fruit - Gal.5:22-23; Jn.15:1-8
19. Sanctifying/Purifying - Eph.4:30-31; Rom.15:16; I Pet.1:2; Heb.10:14-15; I Thes. 5:23
20. Conforming us to Christ - 2 Cor.3:18; Gal.4:19
21. Restraining - Acts 16:6-7; 2 Thes.2:6-8; Gen.20:6
22. Imparting spiritual gifts - I Cor.12:3-11
23. Resurrecting us - Rom.8:11
24. Giving joy - Rom.14:17
25. Speaking through us - Mk.13:11

#### VI. Types of FIGURES Symbolizing the Holy Spirit's Ministry and Nature

1. The Dove - indicating beauty, peace, gentleness  
Jn.1:32-33; Mt.3:16
2. Water - indicating life, cleansing and refreshment  
Jn.7:37-39; 4:14; Isa.18:4; 44:3
3. Oil - indicating "light", healing and anointing for service  
Lk.4:18; Acts 10:38; Heb.1:9; Ps.45:7; 23:5; Lk.10:34
4. A Seal - indicating ownership, security, authority, finished transaction, authentication, safety, identification  
Eph.1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor.1:22
5. Wind - indicating invisible, powerful, independent  
Jn.3:8; Acts 2:1-2; Ezek.37 (reviving)
6. Fire - indicating purifying presence, cleansing, approval, protection, judgement  
(Heb.12:29) Acts 2:3; Matt.3:11; Isa.4:4; Ex.3:2; 13:21; Zech.2:5
7. Cloven Tongues - indicating special ability and enablement  
Acts 2:3-11
8. Clothing - indicating protection, outward character  
Lk.24:49
9. Earnest - indicating a token pledge, down payment, a guarantee of a complete payment  
2 Cor.1:22; 5:5; Eph.1:14

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