

# Holy Spirit Series Part 2: Who is the Holy Spirit? Part 1

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity and undoubtedly the least understood member of the Godhead.

Christians can easily identify with God the Father (Jehovah or Yahweh) and his Son, Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit, however, without a body and a personal name, seems distant to many, yet he dwells inside every true believer and is a constant companion in the walk of faith.

## Who Is the Holy Ghost?

- Until a few decades ago, both Catholic and Protestant churches used the title Holy Ghost.

The King James Version (KJV) of the Bible, first published in 1611, uses the term Holy Ghost, but every modern translation, including the New King James Version, uses Holy Spirit. Some Pentecostal denominations which use the KJV still speak of the Holy Ghost.

## Member of the Godhead

As God, the Holy Spirit has existed through all eternity. In the Old Testament, he is also referred to as the Spirit, the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of the Lord. In the New Testament, he is sometimes called the Spirit of Christ.

The Holy Spirit first appears in the second verse of the Bible, in the account of creation:

*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Genesis 1:2, NIV).*

## Third Member of the Trinity

God the Holy Spirit is a Person. He is not a power, an effect, or just energy. God the Holy Spirit does have energy (limitless), can affect things, and *does* have power (God's power), but He is much more than these attributes. Almost every single time that the New Testament mentions "the Spirit" this is in direct reference to God the Holy Spirit. There are three members of the God Family. This family includes God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God, and God the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Trinity has a part in a person's coming to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Father draws us

*John.6:44(NIV)*

*<sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Jesus saves us

*John.3:16(NIV)*

*<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

The Holy Spirit tells us Who that Savior is – Jesus of course.

*John.15:26(NIV)*

*<sup>26</sup> "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.*

## God the Holy Spirit's Work in Us

- Bear Fruit with Him *Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)* <sup>22</sup> *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* <sup>23</sup> *gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
- Seals us and keeps us *Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)* <sup>13</sup> *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,* <sup>14</sup> *who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.*
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- Live In Him *Galatians 5:25 (NIV)* <sup>25</sup> *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*
- Evangelize with Him *John 16:13-14 (NIV)* <sup>13</sup> *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.* <sup>14</sup> *He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*
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- *Acts 4:31 (NIV)* <sup>31</sup> *After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*
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- Renewed by Him *Titus 3:5 (NIV)* <sup>5</sup> *he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,*
- Shapes us, molds us, and makes us conform to Christ's image (*Rom 8:1-17*)
- Be convicted Him of sin *John 16:8 (NIV)* <sup>8</sup> *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:*
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- Sanctifies us *1 Peter 1:2 (NIV)*  
<sup>2</sup> *who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*
- Reveals Who Jesus is (*John 16:8-14*)
- Helps us pray to Father *Romans 8:26 (NIV)* <sup>26</sup> *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.*
- Speaks to us *Acts 11:12 (NIV)* <sup>12</sup> *The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.*
- Creates us as a new creature *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)* <sup>17</sup> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*
- *Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)* <sup>10</sup> *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
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- Helps us understand the Word of God *Hebrews 4:2 (NIV)* <sup>2</sup> *For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.*
- Reminds us of what to say *John 14:25-26 (NIV)* <sup>25</sup> *"All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*
- Testifies about Who Jesus is *John 15:26 (NIV)* <sup>26</sup> *"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.*
- Leads us *Romans 8:14 (NIV)* <sup>14</sup> *because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*
- Imparts eternal life *Romans 8:10 (NIV)* <sup>10</sup> *But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*
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- Comforts us *2 Corinthians 1:4 (NIV)* <sup>4</sup> *who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*
- He will help us to overcome sin (*Acts 1:5-8*)
- Prevents us from going somewhere or doing something (*Acts 16:5-7*)

- We can lie to Him *Acts 5:3-4 (NIV)* <sup>3</sup> *Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."*
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- We can quench Him *1 Thessalonians 5:19 (AMP)* <sup>19</sup> **Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;**
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- We can grieve Him *Ephesians.4:30-32(NIV)* <sup>30</sup> *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*