

# Holy Spirit Series Part 3: Who is the Holy Spirit? Part 2

## God the Holy Spirit's Work in the Church

The Holy Spirit not only empowers the believer with gifts but works actively in the church and even appoints church leadership ([Acts 20:28](#)). Here are a few examples:

*Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and overtake this chariot.”*

*Acts 11:12 “Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.”*

*Acts 13:12 “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”*

*Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”*

*1 Cor 2:9-12 “However, as it is written: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”*

*1 Pet 1:12 “It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”*

*Rom 8:26 “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 through wordless groans.”*

*John 15:26 “When the Advocate 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.”*

*John 16:13 “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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.”*

**Acts 20:28** *“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God which he bought with his own blood.”*

**Roman 8:14** *“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”*

**John 16:8** *“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.”*

**Ephesians 1:13-14** *“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”*

**Isaiah 34:16** *“Look in the scroll of the LORD and read: one of these will be missing, not one will lack her mate. For it is his mouth that has given the order, And his Spirit will gather them together.”*

**2 Peter 1:20-21** *“First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*

## **Praying in the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the least understood of the Trinity of God. He is the most neglected even though He is involved perhaps the most in a believer’s life. The Holy Spirit is the One Who reveals Who the Savior is and opens up our minds to understand the Word of God because flesh and blood does not bring meaning to the Scriptures. We cannot understand what we are reading unless the Holy Spirit teaches us and imparts meaning to us. Almost every time you read reference to the “Spirit”, particularly in the New Testament, it is speaking of God the Holy Spirit. The “Spirit” is *the* Spirit – God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not a force to be drawn upon like a power but drawing on the power of God. He *is* the very power of God. You cannot know Jesus without Him. You cannot possibly overcome [sin](#) without His power. You cannot have eternal life without His revealing the Source of this eternal life (John 3).

When you sit down to read the [Bible](#), pray for the Holy Spirit to give you understanding. Pray that He will reveal what is being read in the Bible for part of the role of the Holy Spirit is to teach us all things, as Christ told the disciples before He departed. The Holy Spirit is also a Helper, a Comforter and He teaches us about the things of God (John 14:26, Luke 12:12). God the Holy Spirit also guides us in revealing the meaning of God’s written Word (John 16:13) and reminds us of things we need to remember (John 14:26). If you want to know a sort of job description of the Holy Spirit, John, chapters 14, 15 and 16 will help immensely. Romans chapter 8 is also a chapter that describes the role and work of God the Holy Spirit. It mentions “the Spirit” frequently in this chapter and this Spirit is none other than God the Holy Spirit.

## The Holy Spirit is God

God the Holy Spirit brings godly repentance and brings about an awareness of when we are not doing the right thing. He will begin to deal with the sins in our [life](#) and help us overcome them. We are not the ones necessarily that conquer sin; God the Holy Spirit is the power that dwells in us to help us do this. We cannot possibly overcome sin by human effort. This doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit stops all the urges nor will He stop our returning to sin, but the Holy Spirit prompts and urges the believer to not engage in such behavior as well as other ungodly acts. God the Holy Spirit enables us to do good works – not to be saved – but because we *are* saved. The Holy Spirit also points to and always seeks to glorify Jesus Christ. So too should we. In this way, we can join in purpose with God the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus Christ. The next time you think of the Holy Spirit, think of Him as God Himself. For the Holy Spirit *is* God, *was* God, and will *forever* be God. Jesus is also called Immanuel (God with us); God the Holy Spirit is God in us; if we are Christians. That is Who the Holy Spirit is.