

## Introduction:

We will develop our beliefs about the Holy Spirit by studying Him and His working in 4 parts:

1. The Deity of the Holy Spirit
2. The Personality of the Holy Spirit
3. The Ministries of the Holy Spirit
4. The Names, Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

## I. The Deity Of The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, though He is a tremendous power and influence in the emotions and will of people, nevertheless – above all else – is a Person, and that Person is God!

### A. He is Called God

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.” (Acts 5:3,4).

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” (2 Corinthians 3:17).

### B. He is Part of the Trinity

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” (1 John 5:7).

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” (Matthew 28:20). Notice the word “name” (singular) not “names” (plural).

See also Matthew 3:16-17 ; 4:1; 2 Corinthians 13:14; and 1 Peter 1:2. Notice the equality shared by the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son.

### C. He is Omnipresent

He is all present.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;” (John 14:16 ).

See also Psalm 139:7.

### D. He is Omniscient

He is all-knowing.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26).

Also read 1 Corinthians 2:10-11.

## **E. He is Omnipotent**

He is all powerful.

“The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.” (Job 33:4).

Read Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; and Psalm 104:30.

## **F. He is Eternal**

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14).

## **II. The Personality Of The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit of God is a Person, *just as much* as the Father and Son are Persons. Therefore, He experiences all the elements involved within a personality.

### **A. He is Male.**

“Howbeit when **he**, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he** will guide you into all truth: for **he** shall not speak of **himself**; but whatsoever **he** shall hear, that shall **he** speak: and **he** will shew you things to come.” (John 16:13).

Jesus called the Holy Spirit “He,” “Him,” or “Himself” 20 times in John 14-16. See also how He is referred to in the male gender in Hebrews 10:15; 1 Corinthians 12:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:7; and Acts 13:2.

### **B. He Has a Mind**

“And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:27).

### **C. He Has a Will**

“But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” (1 Corinthians 12:11).

### **D. He Forbids**

“Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.” (Acts 16:6,7).

### **E. He Permits**

“And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.” (Acts 16:10).

## **F. He Speaks**

“Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.” (Acts 8:29).  
Also read Acts 10:19; 13:2; and Revelations 2:7; 3:6,13,22; 11:17,29.

## **G. He Loves**

“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;” (Romans 15:30).

## **H. He Grieves**

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30).

## **I. He Prays**

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Romans 8:26).

# **III. The Ministries Of The Holy Spirit**

## **A. Concerning Creation**

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:1,2).

See also Job 26:13 and 33:4.

## **B. Concerning the Bible**

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21).

See also 2 Samuel 23:2; Isaiah 59:21; John 14:26; and 2 Timothy 3:15.

## **C. Concerning the Nation of Israel**

### **1. The Spirit came upon its leaders**

Notice what was said of Joseph: “And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?” (Genesis 41:38).

Similar statements are made of Moses, Joshua, Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Saul, David, Elijah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Azariah, Zechariah, and more.

### **2. The Spirit came upon its elders**

“And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.” (Numbers 11:25).

### **3. The Spirit came upon its tabernacle**

“Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” (Exodus 40:34).

### **4. The Spirit came upon those who worked on the tabernacle**

“See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,” (Exodus 31:2,3).

### **5. The Spirit came upon the temple**

“And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,” (1 Kings 8:10).

### **6. The Spirit helped Israel through the desert**

“Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.” (Nehemiah 9:20).

### **7. The Spirit will come upon Israel during the Tribulation**

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:” (Joel 2:28).

Note all those who will be sealed with the Spirit in Revelation 7:4.

### **8. The Spirit will come upon Israel during the Millennium**

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” (Zechariah 12:10).

Romans 8:2

2 Corinthians 3:17

K. He will give us the words of wisdom to say