

The unfolding of God's Word  
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Psalms 119:130

### Who and What is the Holy Spirit?

John 14:12-21 {16-18}, John 16:12-13, Proverbs 3:5-7

First, we need to notice that the Holy Spirit is a unique person and not simply a power or an influence. He is spoken of as “He,” not as “it.” This is a matter of importance because if you listen carefully to people speaking, even within your own congregations you may hear the Holy Spirit referenced in terms of a it. You may even catch me doing it during the teaching on the Holy Spirit, however for grammar purposes saying it verse he will fit in getting to the point of the matter, so save all the comments or emails, I understand that the Spirit of God, the third person of the Trinity, is personal. He is a PERSON.

#### ➤ He possesses the attributes of: Part #1

- **MIND ~ Romans 8:27** -When you blend your mind in with the Holy Spirit and keep it blended, there will not be enough devils from the pits of hell able to defeat you. To unite your mind with the mind of the Holy Spirit is to harmonize, mix, or blend with the living Word of God.
- **WILL ~1 Corinthians 12:11** -What he distributes and to whom he distributes will always be in line with the will of the father, those people may not be “the people’s choice” but they will be God's choice.
- **FEELING ~Ephesians 4:30, Isaiah 63:10** -Grieving is an emotion. Sorrow is an emotion. Grieving the Holy Spirit by what we say or do is a big deal. It’s not like just simply hurting someone’s feelings. Some of the ways the Holy Spirit can be grieved is when: **we return to the things from which we should have been set free**, when we don’t forgive others and when we hold onto bitterness and resentment.
- **He can be LIED to ~ Acts 5:3, 2 Corinthians 10:5** - Everyone pray this prayer, Lord, don’t ever let me get so sloppy in the way I do business or speak to others that I forget that you both see and hear me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.
- **He can be RESISTED ~ Acts 7:51** - A person who is resisting the Holy Spirit is standing guard at the door of his heart to make sure that God is not welcomed inside. He is not about to hand over control of his life to God. It is largely a control issue. Man's sinful condition makes him obsessive in this regard.
- **He can be INSULTED ~ Hebrews 10:29** - **What does it mean to insult the Spirit of grace? Who insults the Spirit of grace? To find the answers to these questions, we must understand the book of Hebrews.** The book of Hebrews was written to convince Hebrews, Jewish people, that the old covenant law of Moses was replaced by the new covenant of the grace of Jesus (Hebrews 7:18; 22; 8:7-8, 13; 9:15; 10:5; 13:20). The Spirit was trying to convince them of the truths of the new covenant; yet their hearts were hard to the blood of Jesus, choosing the blood of animals and casting aside the blood of Jesus to forgive their sins and make them holy and in doing this, they insulted the Spirit of grace. **Today, the Spirit of grace is insulted by those failing to rest in the finished work of Christ as demonstrated in constantly asking God for forgiveness and seeking to stay in fellowship with God through constant confession or by practicing certain religious works.**

Much like the Hebrews, they refuse to believe that God remembers sins no more now that Jesus was sacrificed for their sins. ~ Hebrews 8:12

• **He can be QUENCHED ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:19** - The Bible talks about “quenching” the Holy Spirit. This means “restricting” the Holy Spirit. We can restrict the Holy Spirit by not doing the things we are supposed to do. For example, instead of thanking God, we are ungrateful and question what God is doing.

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➤ **He possesses the Devine attributes of the Godhead: Part #2**

• **He's Eternal ~ Hebrews 9:14** - As Christ's miraculous conception was by the Holy Spirit, and he wrought all his miracles by the Spirit of God, so his death or final offering was by the eternal Spirit; and by that Spirit, he was raised from the dead, 1 Peter 3:18.

• **He's omnipresent ~ Genesis 1:1-2, 26, Psalms 139:7-8** - Here omnipresence is the theme "Where can I go from your Spirit?" Not that the Psalmist wished to go from God, or to avoid the power of the divine life; but he asks this question to set forth the fact that no one can escape from the all-pervading being and observation of the Great Invisible Spirit. Observe how the writer makes the matter personal to himself - "Where can I go?" It was well if we all applied this truth to our own cases. It was wise for each one to say - The spirit of the Lord is ever around me

• **He's ALL powerful ~ Acts 1:4-8, Luke 10:19** - If you are not aware that the third person of the Godhead—invisible, but personal and powerful—is living inside of you, it will show. You'll lose interest in spiritual things: spiritual disciplines, prayer, and worship. You'll lose your appetite for the Word of God. You'll lose your interest in church and the comfort that can be found within the body of Christ. You'll lose your appetite for God-centered preaching. You'll replace biblical instruction with human counsel because you'll think they have all the answers. A. C. Dixon wrote, "When we rely on organization, we get what organization can do. When we rely upon education, we get what education can do. When we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely on the Holy Spirit, we get what God can do."

• **He's ALL knowing ~ 1 Corinthians 2:10-11** - The human authors of Scripture were not left to themselves to write Scripture. The Holy Spirit knows everything about God because He is God. The Word of God is the product of God Himself. He used human agents but He supernaturally superintended the writing of every word of Scripture so that it is fully inspired by God. There is a distinction between revelation and inspiration. **Revelation** is the process whereby the Holy Spirit gave the content of Scripture, whereas **inspiration** was the superintending process of the Holy Spirit to ensure that every word of Scripture is without error and accurate. By: Grant Richison

**The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are each called God in Scripture. In addition, divine attributes are attributed to all three of them. Only God is all-powerful, all-knowing, eternal, everywhere, and unchanging. Yet the Scripture says these attributes belong to each member of the Trinity. This is another proof that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the one God. All three of them possess attributes that only God can possess. Therefore, the three of them must be the one God.**

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➤ **He engages in such activities as: Part #3**

• **Revealing ~ 1 Corinthians 2:10, 1 John 2:20** - It is only the Spirit of God which can reveal the counsels of God: these are the purposes which have existed in His infinite wisdom and goodness from eternity; and particularly what refers to creation, providence, redemption, and eternal glory, as far as men and angels are concerned in these purposes. It is the Spirit of God

alone that could reveal these things; and it is the energy of that Spirit alone that could bring them all into effect - stamp and seal them as attributes and works of God for ever.

- **Teaching ~ John 14:26** - The teaching work of the Spirit is anchored in the life and work of Jesus and involves showing the meaning of Jesus to each new generation, this is the proper work and business of the Spirit, to teach, interpret, and explain all things which Christ had said to them; to make them more plain and easy to their understandings; to instruct them in all things necessary to salvation, and to be known by them, that they might teach them to others.

- **Witnessing ~ Hebrews 10:15, Romans 8:16, 9:1** - This is affirming that the Holy Spirit has an ongoing witness to our inner being. One implication of this is that we have assurance of salvation not just because of the word of God but also because of the testimony of the Spirit to our hearts. There are also implications for perseverance of the saints and for believers working at the highest levels of scholarship (e.g., it is dangerous to think that mere exegesis will give one certainty; ultimately, a vibrant relation to God through the Holy Spirit must be at the heart of loving God with one's mind).

- **Interceding Romans 8:26** - Not only does the Spirit allow us access to God through faith; He is praying for you! Can you imagine the gift, honor, and grace involved in the Spirit's intercession for us? Intercession means to "act on the behalf of someone else." The Spirit does this for us every single time we pray. What comfort we can gain from this amazing knowledge. The Holy Spirit prays for us with God's will in mind.

- **Speaking ~ Revelation 2:7** - Christ had been speaking but now it is the Spirit who speaks - a declaration of Christ's deity and a testimony to the inspiration of Scripture. When Jesus promised to send another helper the Spirit of Truth, He said, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." It is the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, who initiates prophecy (1 Peter 1:11) He is the source of all spiritual revelation and illumination. If we desire that God would reveal more to us, we must first respond in obedience to that which the Holy Spirit has already been revealing.

- **Testifying ~ John 15:26**, The Spirit of truth will testify about Jesus. The world was hostile to Jesus. It remains hostile to Him and His cause today. The Spirit of truth will counter this hostility by testifying about Jesus, who is the Truth. The Spirit is a powerful prosecutor and persuader. He exalts Christ in a world that does not accept Him as the Lord and Savior of mankind. The Spirit is said to testify of Christ, because he retains and fixes our faith on him alone.

**The Holy Spirit validates your belief in Jesus and confirms your commitment to Christ, by giving assurance to your soul. As you pray the Spirit ushers you into the presence of your heavenly Father, and with peaceful delight communes and communicates on your behalf. The Holy Spirit's work is not meant to be mystical and weird, but practical and real. He provides comfort when you hurt, conviction when you stray and direction when you are unsure. Therefore, daily, enter into the fullness of the Spirit by confessing, repenting and receiving the Spirit's fullness—be aware of what God has already given you by faith. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the children of God.**