

# THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Holy Spirit is a member of the Eternal Godhead. It is one God revealed in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There is no degree of being God because one is not lower or higher than the other. Understanding that the Holy Spirit is God is an absolute necessity for Christians if we are to understand how God desires to live his life through us while we are on earth.

*Eph 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his **Spirit** in the inner man;*

*Eph 3:17 That **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

*Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;*

*Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

## A. Who is the Holy Spirit?

### 1. The Holy Spirit is God

***Act 5:3** 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?*

***Act 5:4** 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**.*

### 2. The Holy Spirit in Creation

***Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Gen 1:2 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.*

*Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

### 3. The Holy Spirit inspired Scriptures

***2Pe 1:21** 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**.*

### 4. The Holy Spirit is Eternal

***Heb 9:14** 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?*

### 5. The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent

***Psa 139:7** Whither shall I go **from thy spirit**? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*

***Psa 139:8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.*

***Psa 139:9** If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;*

*Psa 139:10* Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

6. The Holy Spirit is Omniscient

*Joh 14:26* 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.

7. The Holy Spirit is a Omnipotent

*Luk 1:35* And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

8. The Holy Spirit is called Holy

*Rom 1:4* And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

B. Where is the Holy Spirit?

*Joh 14:17* Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you**.

*1Co 6:19* What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

C. When does the Holy Spirit come?

*Joh 7:38* He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. *Joh 7:39* (But this spake he of the Spirit, **which they that believe on him should receive**: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

*Eph 1:13* In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit** of promise,

D. What does the Holy Spirit do?

*Act 1:8* But **ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

*Gal 5:16* This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (Walking in the Spirit is Walking with God)

E. How does the Holy Spirit lead?

*Rom 8:14* For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. God's children that are following the leading of the Spirit of God are growing or maturing children of God.

*1Co 2:12* Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

*1Co 2:13* Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Dr. Adrian Rogers tells the story about two men: a farmer and his farmhand. The farmhand was a believer and the farmer was not. One morning they went duck hunting together, and they shot two ducks: one was killed and the other was wounded. As they were walking to retrieve the ducks, the farmer asked the farmhand: "You're a believer and I'm not; why do you have so many trials and I don't?" The farmhand replied, "You see those two ducks over there. One is dead, and the other is wounded. Which one will you go after?" To which the farmer replied, "The wounded one, of course." "That's why I suffer so many more trials from Satan. He knows that I am only wounded, but you're dead!" (*See Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:46*)