

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

PART 1 – The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

Zech. 4:6 (NIV84) So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

What is His Proper Name?

TREND – CALL HIM “HOLY SPIRIT” – 1st and Last: 0
“**The** Spirit of God” – OT **14** times & in **10** NT
“**The** Spirit of the Lord” – OT **23/24** times & **4** in NT
“**Your/His** Holy Spirit” – OT **3** times (NIV) (Isa. 63:10-11 & Ps. 51:11)

What is His Proper Name?

In the NT = “**THE HOLY SPIRIT**” – **87** times

TOTAL: **90** times in Bible AS “The/Your Holy Spirit”

– **26** times in Gospels – **10** times by Jesus

– **61** times by apostles in word or letter

There is Something About that Name

“**The**” = because there is **only one** – Unique, Distinct, Unmatched

“**Holy**” = **consecrated**, sacred – made so by God

“**Spirit**” = pneuma – current of air, **breath**

- fig. = human rational soul – think, feel, decide

- vital principle that animates the body (gives life)

The Holy Spirit Knows God's Thoughts

1 Cor. 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except ***the Spirit of God.***

Distinct Yet One in Purpose/Work

The Father sent His Son – John 3:16

The Son Speaks the Father's Words not his own –
John 14:24b "... These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

The Son points souls to the Father - John 14:13 "...that the Son may bring glory to the Father."



The Holy Spirit, Counselor, The Spirit of Truth – Reminds & Teaches

John 14:25-26 “All this I have spoken while still with you. (26) 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**.”

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**The Holy Spirit Reminds of
the Son's teachings and
commands that came from
the Father!**”

Third Person Of The Trinity

John 14:15-16 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth..."

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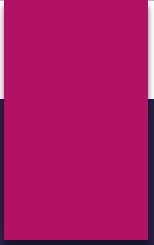
Third Person Of The Trinity Must Be Sent to the Church

John 16:6-7 (6) Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. (7) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. *Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

Third Person Of The Trinity

“COUNSELOR” – PARAKLETOS = One called alongside to help

– as in attorney/lawyer – in court of law
- Strengthener, Comforter, Helper, Adviser, Advocate, Intercessor, Ally, & Friend



Rom 8:26-27 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. And he who **searches** our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints ***in accordance with God's will.***

Third Person Of The Trinity

“The Spirit of Truth” =

- **John 15:26** "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.

JESUS QUESTIONED BY PILATE

John 18:37 NIV84 (Replying to Pilate) "... In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to **testify to the truth**. *Everyone on the side of **truth** listens to me.*"

-- Pilate replied: "*What is Truth?*"

The Holy Spirit is a “Person”

- Isa 63:10 NIV84 Yet they rebelled and ***grieved*** his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.
- Eph 4:30 NIV84 And do not ***grieve*** the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit Is A “Person”

*The Holy Spirit Acts As A Separate Entity
Referred To With A Male Pronoun

John 16:13-14 “(13) 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**. (14) He will **bring glory to me** by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Present WITH GOD/JESUS AT Creation

Gen 1:2 ESV The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

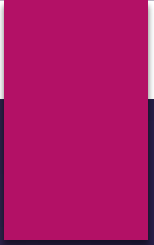
The Very Breath In Our Lungs:

(Gen 2:7 NIV84) the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils the ***breath of life***, and the man became a ***living being***.

The Very Breath In Our Lungs:

Job 27:3-4 as long as I have life within me,
the ***breath of God*** in my nostrils,...

Job 33:4 ESV ***The Spirit of God*** has made
me, and the ***breath*** of the Almighty gives
me life.



John 3:3-6 “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again... (5) I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of the **water** and the **Spirit**. (6) **Flesh** gives birth to flesh but the **Spirit** gives birth to spirit.”

“Born of The Spirit” - On Resurrection Day:

John 20:22 And with that He **breathed** on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

[Parallel] **Luke 24:45** “He **opened their minds** so they could understand the Scriptures.”

John 20:21 Fulfilled Jesus' Words at the Last Supper

John 14:17 "... the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, ***for He lives with you and will be in you.***

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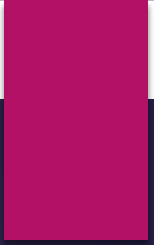
1Cor. 2:14 The man without **the Spirit** does not accept the things that come from **the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him, and he **cannot understand** them, because they are spiritually discerned.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK

John 16:8-11 NIV84 When he comes, he will ***convict the world*** of guilt in regard to **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**....

“in regard to judgment - the prince of this world now stands condemned”

Rom 1:25-27a They ***exchanged the truth of God for a lie***, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, ***God gave them over*** to shameful lusts.



Heb 3:7-8 NIV84 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,
(8) do not harden your hearts..."

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you
today? – HE'S ON YOUR SIDE!
Say "Yes"