

# Holy Spirit, the Person

## *Precious Holy Spirit: Here's the Sum-Up:*

**Roles:** Savior. Friend. Counselor. Contender. Gift giver. Power source. Direct link with God.

**Responsibility:** Illuminate, magnify Jesus. Reveal, unveil Jesus to me. Activate Jesus in me.

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## **The Father gave us another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth! The Person of the Holy Spirit is to us a friend just like Jesus! He will never leave us!**

~ Jesus, John 14:16, adapted as personal declaration

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Below is a somewhat comprehensive scriptural look at the Holy Spirit—His nature, characteristics, attributes, etc. To get to know Holy Spirit, and be led by Him more over time, we encourage you to:

- Select sections from the list below;
- Turn in your own bible to the associated passages listed and read them;
- Speak these scriptures **out loud** over yourself;
- Then, if/as Holy Spirit directs, speak them aloud over:
  - Your spouse;
  - Your children;
  - Other members of your family, friends, those precious to you;
  - Others that Holy Spirit brings to mind.

### **The Spirit's divine nature**

- 1. Called God** ..... Luk 1:34, 35; Act 5:3-4; Mat 28:19
- 2. United with the Father & Son** ..... Mat 28:19, 2Cor 13:14
- 3. Has characteristics of God**
  - Eternal ..... Heb 9:14
  - Everywhere present ..... Psa 139:7-10
  - All knowing ..... 1Cor 2:10-11
- 4. Has great power** ..... Act 1:8, Rom 15:19
  - Raised Christ from the dead ..... 1Pet 3:18
  - Performs miracles ..... Mat 12:28, Rom 15:19
  - Involved in creation ..... Gen 1:2
  - Gives spiritual life to us ..... Jon 3:3-8

### **The Spirit as a Person**

- He teaches ..... Jon 14:26
- He hears & speaks ..... Jon 16:13
- He testifies about Christ ..... Jon 15:26
- He encourages ..... Act 9:31
- He counsels ..... Jon 14:16
- He convinces us of sin ..... Jon 16:8
- He prays for us ..... Rom 8:27
- He sends people out ..... Act 13:4
- He experiences grief ..... Eph 4:30
- He can be resisted ..... Act 7:51
- He can be tested ..... Act 5:9

## The Spirit's work

### 1. In the Old Testament

- Involved in creation ..... Gen 1:2
- Gave life to God's creatures..... Psa 104:30
- Guided God's people..... Isa 63:11-13
- Instructed God's people ..... Neh 9:20
- Led God's people in the right way..... Psa 143:10
- Inspired God's people to do right ..... Psa 51:10-22
- Admonished God's people ..... Num 9:30
- Reacted to human evil..... Gen 6:3
- Gave artistic ability to individuals..... Exo 31:2-3
- Gave His power to Israel's leaders ..... Jdg 7:34, 1Sam 16:13, Zec 4:6
- Lived among God's people ..... Hag 2:5
- Inspired the prophets ..... Num 11:29, Mic 3:8, Zec 7:12, 2Pet 1:21
- Spoke through psalmists ..... 2Sam 23:2, Act 1:16-20, Heb 3:7-11
- O.T. prophecies on the Spirit..... Isa 11:1-3, 32:15, 42:1, 44:3, 61:1-3, Eze 39:29, Joel 2:28-32

### 2. In the life of Jesus Christ

- Jesus was conceived by the Spirit ..... Luk 1:34-35
- He Received the Spirit at His baptism..... Luk 3:21-22
- He was filled with the Spirit..... Luk 4:1
- He ministered in the power of the Spirit..... Mat 12:15-21, Luk 4:18-21
- He cast out demons by the Spirit ..... Mat 12:28
- He offered himself to God through the Spirit..... Heb 9:14
- He was raised by the Spirit..... Rom 8:11, 1Tim 3:16, 1Pet 3:18
- He promised to send the Spirit..... Jon 15:26
- He sent the Spirit on Pentecost..... Act 2:33
- The Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus ..... Act 16:7, Rom 8:9, Gal 4:6

### 3. In the church (body of believers)

- The Spirit came at Pentecost ..... Act 2:1-4
- He dwells in the church ..... 1Cor 3:16-17, Eph 2:22
- He appoint officers for the church..... Act 20:28
- He directs decisions of the church..... Act 15:28
- He chooses missionaries ..... Act 13:2
- He sends out missionaries ..... Act 13:4
- He directs the mission enterprise ..... Act 8:29, 39, 16:6-7

### 4. In individuals (us)

- The Spirit dwells in us ..... Jon 14:16-17, Rom 8:11, 1Cor 6:19
- He convicts us of sin ..... Jon 16:7-11
- He gives us new life ..... Jon 3:5-6, Ti 3:5
- He make us realize God's love ..... Rom 5:5
- He gives us power to witness ..... Act 1:8, 6:9-10
- He teaches us what to say ..... Luk 12:12
- He reveals God's secrets to us..... 1Cor 2:10-16
- He brings Christ's presence to us ..... Jon 14:16-18
- He keeps in touch with God ..... Rom 8:26
- He teaches us about Christ ..... Jon 14:26, 15:26
- He enables us to find the truth ..... 1Jon 4:1-6
- He encourages us ..... Act 9:31

- He directs us..... Rom 8:9
- He gives us joy & peace ..... Rom 14:17
- He draws us into fellowship .....2Cor 13:14, Phlp 2:1
- He enables us to live the Christ-following life ..... Rom 8:5-9
- He works his fruit in us ..... Gal 5:16-25
- He sanctifies (makes us God-special) ..... Rom 15:16, 2Thess 2:13
- He gives us gifts (see below)
- He gives us his sword to fight satan..... Eph 6:17
- He prays for us in times of crisis..... Rom 8:26
- He will raise us from the dead ..... Rom 8:11

## The Spirit in our life

### 1. How to receive the Spirit

- We must repent of our sins ..... Act 2:37-38
- We must believe in (assimilate) Jesus ..... Act 11:15-17, Rom 8:9, Gal 3:2-3, 14; Eph 1:13
- We must be baptized in Jesus' name.....Act 2:38, 19:1-6
- We must pray to receive him.....Luk 11:13, Act 8:15

### 2. Being filled or partially filled with the Holy Spirit

- a. *His filling is a gift for all believers*
    - Old Testament promise ..... Joel 2:28-29
    - New Testament fulfillment..... Act 2:17-18
    - New Testament promise to us.....Act 2:38, Rom 8:9
  - b. *Persons filled with the Holy Spirit (Bible examples)*
    - Bezalel.....Exo 31:2-5
    - Samson ..... Jdg 14:19
    - Saul (the king, not the one later named Paul) .....1Sam 10:10
    - John the Baptist..... Luk 1:15
    - Elizabeth ..... Luk 1:47
    - Zechariah..... Luk 1:67
    - The disciples on Pentecost ..... Act 2:4
    - Peter before the Jewish council..... Act 4:8
    - The early Christians at prayer..... Act 4:31
    - Paul in his preaching ..... Act 13:9
    - New Christians..... Act 13:52
  - c. *Persons full of the Holy Spirit (Bible examples)*
    - Jesus .....Luk 4:1
    - The first deacons ..... Act 6:3
    - Stephen ..... Act 6:5
    - Barnabas ..... Act 11:24
  - d. *The Command to be filled with the Spirit*
    - To Paul at his conversion ..... Act 9:17
    - To all Christ followers ..... Eph 5:18
- 3. Being sealed with the Spirit** ..... 2Cor 1:21-22, 2Cor 5:5, Eph 1:13-14

## Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit** ..... Mat 3:16, Jon 1:32-33
- 3. Jesus baptizing others with the Holy Spirit**
  - Was prophesied by John ..... Mat 3:11, Luk 3:16
  - Was prophesied by Jesus..... Act 1:5

- Was fulfilled at Pentecost..... Act 2:1-4

**4. Relationship to water baptism**

- Water baptism linked with Spirit baptism ..... Act 2:38-39, 9:16-18, 10:44-48, 19:1-6
- Water baptism separated from Spirit baptism .....Act 8:12, 14-17
- Born of water and the Spirit..... Jon 3:5
- Baptized one Spirit into one body..... 1Cor 12:13
- Washing of rebirth and renewal by Spirit.....Tit 3:35

**Gifts of the Spirit**

**1. Types of gifts**

- Speaking in tongues ..... ACT 10:46, 19:6, 1Cor 12:10, 28, 30; 14:2, 6-11
- Interpreting tongues ..... 1Cor 12:10, 30; 14:13, 27=28
- Prophecy ..... Rom 12:6; 1Cor 12:10, 28-29, 14:3-5, 22-26
- Serving..... Rom 12:7, 1Pet 4:11
- Teaching..... Rom:7, 1Cor 12:28-29
- Doing the apostolic function..... 1Cor 12:28-29, Eph 4:11
- Contributing to others ..... Rom 12:28
- Exercising leadership ..... Rom 12:28
- Showing mercy ..... Rom 12:28
- Encouraging others ..... Rom 12:28
- Being single .....1Cor 7:7-8
- Wisdom ..... 1Cor 12:8
- Knowledge..... 1Cor 12:8
- Faith ..... 1Cor 12:9
- Healing..... 1Cor 12:9, 28, 30
- Miraculous powers..... 1Cor 12:10, 28-29
- Distinguishing between spirits ..... 1Cor 12:10
- Helping others ..... 1Cor 12:28
- Administration ..... 1Cor 12:28
- Doing evangelism..... Eph 4:11
- Doing the pastoral function ..... Eph 4:11
- Speaking in public ..... 1Pet 4:11
- Skill & knowledge in crafts .....Exo 31:1-5

**2. The purposes of gifts**

- To be enjoyed privately ..... 1Cor 14:4
- To witness to Christ.....1Cor 12:1-3
- To build up the church..... 1Cor 12:7, 14:3, 5, 12, 26; 1Pet 4:10
- To demonstrate God’s grace in us..... Rom 12:6
- To praise God..... 1Cor 14:24-25, 1Pet 4:11

**3. Gifts are subordinate to love**

- The greatest way is the way of love ..... 1Cor 12:31-13:3
- Gifts will disappear ..... 1Cor 13:8-10
- Love will always remain ..... 1 Cor 13:13

**4. Warning against gifts that deceive**

- False prophets can do wonders & signs .....Mat 24:24
- The antichrist will do counterfeit signs .....2Thess 2:9, Rev 13:13-14
- We must test the spirits..... 1Jon 4:1