

THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS PERSON & WORK

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INTRODUCTION: GOD'S GREAT GIFT

I. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Spirit is fully God

i. Divine Recognition in the Scriptures

Acts. 5:3-4: *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."*

I Cor. 2:10-12: *"these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."*

ii. Divine Attributes in the Scriptures

• **Eternal**

Heb. 9:14: *"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our^l conscience from dead works to serve the living God."*

- **Omnipresence**

Ps. 139:7: "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?"

- **Omniscient (I Cor. 2:10-11)**

2. The Spirit is Equal with The Father & The Son

i. Jesus' Baptism

Matt. 3:16: *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

ii. Jesus' Commission

Matt. 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

iii. Peter's Greeting

I Peter. 1:2: *"according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you"*

3. The Spirit is a person distinct from the Father & Son

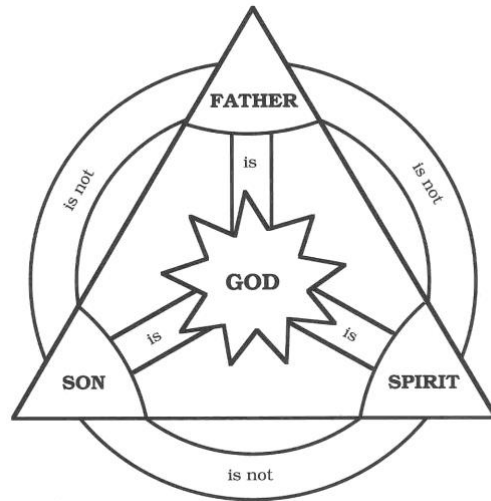
i. Personal Pronouns (Masculine)

John 14:26: *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

ii. Personal Properties

- Exercises His Will (I Cor. 12:11)
- Hears & Speaks (John 16:13-14; Mark 13:11)
- Grieves (Eph. 4:30)
- Blasphemed (Mark 3:22-30)
- Intercedes

Romans 8:26-27: *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God"*



II. The Gift of the Holy Spirit

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." -Acts 2:38

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you". -John 16:7

1. A Gift from the Father & the Son

John 14:16-17: *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."*

John 14:25-26: *"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*

2. A Gift that Bears Witness to Jesus

John 15:26-27: *“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”*

John 16:13-15: *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”*

3. A Gift that Bears Witness in Us

Romans 8:15-16: *“You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”*

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