



OUR THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is the third person of the Trinity. He is divine (*Matt. 3:16-17; John 14:16; Acts 5:3-4; Acts 10:38; 2 Cor. 3:18*), eternal (*Heb. 9:14*), omnipresent (*Ps. 139:7*), omniscient (*John 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10*). He was active in Creation (*Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30*), inspired the Bible writers (*2 Peter 1:21*), empowered the conception of Christ (*Luke 1:35*), participated in his baptism (*Matt. 3:16-17*), empowered his ministry (*Luke 4:17-21*) and resurrected Christ (*Rom. 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18*).

His personhood is shown in his KNOWLEDGE.

Isaiah 11:2 *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--*

Romans 8:27 *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.*

1 Corinthians 2:10 *but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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.*

His personhood is shown in his WILL.

1 Corinthians 12:11 *All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

His personhood is shown in his EMOTION.

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Isaiah 63:10 *Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.*

Acts 7:51 *"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"*

Romans 15:30 *I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.*

Where is the Holy Spirit?

He indwells all believers of Christ.

He is given to every new believer at the instant of salvation.

Ephesians 1:13 *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*

Galatians 3:2 *I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?*

A person who does not believe in Christ does not possess the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:9 *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

The Holy Spirit indwells carnal believers (i.e.- still wrestling with our sin nature).

1 Corinthians 6:19 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;*

Romans 8:11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

The Holy Spirit indwells believers permanently.

John 14:16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--*

2 Corinthians 1:22 *set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

1 Corinthians 12:11-13 *All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines... ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. (see also **Galatians 3:27-28**)*

How does the Holy Spirit work in us?

In our salvation. (*John 16:8; John 3:5-6; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Rom 8:11,15*) He convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, seals us, and brings assurance of salvation.

In our growth. (*John 16:12-14; John 14:16-17; Rom 8:16-27, Gal. 5:22-23*). He continues to convict of sin, teach, illuminate Scriptures, counsel, aid in prayer, sanctify, produce the fruit the Spirit, and encourage us.

In our church. (*1 Cor 12:11-13; Eph. 4:3; 5:17-21; Gal. 4:6*). He joins us in God's family, unites us, gives gifts of service, and heals relationships among believers.

In our witness. (*1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12:3-8; Acts 1:8*) He is the source of gifts to the church, works in the church, calls to service, directs and counsels in ministry, and empowers believers to fulfill Christ's mission and ministry.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:8