

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit of God is a Person who has personality and all the attributes of Deity. We believe the Holy Spirit has always been involved in the affairs of mankind; however, we believe He has a special ministry that began at Pentecost and will continue until the Rapture. This ministry includes reproofing the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit was also sent to regenerate, sanctify, seal, and fill all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6, 14:16; Acts 1:5, 11:15; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, 12:13)

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit possesses three great characteristics:

- He has _____ (Romans 8:27).
- He has _____ (Ephesians 4:30).
- He has a _____ (1 Corinthians 12:11).

The Holy Spirit's actions:

- He _____ (Acts 13:2).
- He _____ (Romans 8:26).
- He _____ (John 15:26).
- He _____ (Acts 16:6-7).
- He _____ (John 16:13).
- He _____ (John 14:26).
- He performs _____ (Acts 8:39).
- He _____ (1 Corinthians 2:10).

The Holy Spirit's reactions:

- He may be _____ (Ephesians 4:3).
- He may be _____ (Isaiah 63:10).
- He may be _____ (Acts 5:9).
- He may be _____ (Acts 7:51).
- He may be _____ (Mark 3:29-30).

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The Deity of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit's deity is seen in His divine titles:

- He is _____ (Acts 5:3-4).
- He is the _____ (2 Corinthians 3:18).
- He is the Spirit of _____ (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- He is the Spirit of _____ (Isaiah 61:1).
- He is the Spirit of the _____ (2 Corinthians 3:3-5).
- He is the Spirit of his _____ (Galatians 4:6).
- He is the Spirit of _____ (Philippians 1:19).

The Holy Spirit's deity is seen in His divine attributes:

- He is _____ (Luke 1:35).
- He is _____ (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).
- He is _____ (Psalm 139:7-10).
- He is _____ (Hebrews 9:14).
- He is _____ (Romans 15:30).
- He is _____ (Ephesians 4:30).
- He is _____ (Nehemiah 9:20).
- He is full of _____ (Hebrews 10:29).
- He is _____ (Romans 8:2).
- He is _____ (John 15:26).

The Holy Spirit's deity is seen through His works:

- His work of _____ (Genesis 1:1-2, Psalm 104:30, Job 33:4).
- His work of the _____ (Romans 8:11).
- His work of _____ (John 3:3).
- His work of _____ (1 Corinthians 6:11).
- His work of _____ (2 Peter 1:21).

The Holy Spirit's deity is seen in the Scriptures' testimony concerning Him:

- In the _____ (Matthew 28:18-20).
- In apostolic _____ (2 Corinthians 13:14).
- In Scriptural _____ (Revelation 22:17).
- In the _____ of the local church (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

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The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit had a ministry in the Old Testament:

- He was active in _____ (Genesis 1:1-2).
- He _____ His servants (2 Samuel 23:2).
- He was the _____ of wickedness (Genesis 6:3).
- He _____ believers for special service:
 - He was *in* certain people (Joseph – Genesis 41:38, Daniel – Danial 4:8, Prophets – 1 Peter 1:11, David – 1 Samuel 16:18).
 - He came *upon* certain people (Samson – Judges 14:6, 16:20).
 - He *filled* certain people (Bezaleel – Exodus 31:1-3).

The Holy Spirit had a ministry in the life of Jesus Christ:

- He was active at Christ's _____ (Matthew 1:20, Luke 1:35).
- He was present at Christ's _____ (John 1:32, Acts 10:37-38).
- He was present during Christ's _____ (Matthew 4:1, Luke 4:1).
- He was present in Christ's _____ (Matthew 12:28).
- He was present at the onset and duration of Christ's _____ (Luke 4:16-19).
- He was present at Christ's _____ (Hebrews 9:14).
- He was present at Christ's _____ (Romans 1:4, 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18).
- He was present at Christ's _____ (Acts 1:1-2).
- He was present at Christ's _____ (Acts 2:33).

The Holy Spirit has a ministry in this world:

- He is _____ the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:7-11).
- He works in two ways: through the Word of God and the witness of the believer (1 John 5:7-8).

The Holy Spirit has a ministry in the future:

- He will quicken our bodies at the _____ (Romans 8:11).
- He will minister during the _____. The Jews who are saved during the Tribulation period will acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 12:10). During the Tribulation, the Lord will also give power to His two witnesses (Zechariah 4:1-6, Revelation 11:3-4).
- He will work during the _____ (Ezekiel 36:27).
- His fullness will rest upon the _____, our Lord Jesus Christ (Isaiah 10:33-11:5).

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The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Believer

The Holy Spirit _____, or makes new (Titus 3:5). This is the new birth spoken of in John 3.

The Holy Spirit _____ us (1 Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:9, John 14:16-17).

The Holy Spirit _____ us with a spiritual baptism (Romans 6:4). There was no baptism of the Holy Ghost until the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, 1:5, 11:15-16). This baptism is for all believers (Romans 6:1-10) and is a one-time event that happens at the moment of salvation. This baptism places us into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The Holy Spirit _____ us unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13,4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22). This seal is based upon His authority and provides security. Even carnal Christians are sealed.

The Holy Spirit sets us _____ from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

The Holy Spirit provides _____ of salvation (Romans 8:16).

The Holy Spirit _____ our inner man (Ephesians 3:16-21).

The Holy Spirit _____ us truth (John 16:12-15, 1 John 2:27, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14).

The Holy Spirit _____ us (Romans 8:14).

The Holy Spirit _____ the message we preach (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

The Holy Spirit enables us to _____ God (John 4:23, Philippians 3:3).

The Holy Spirit enables us to _____, and He prays for _____ (Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20, Romans 8:27-28).

The Holy Spirit calls us to Christian _____ (Acts 13:1-4).

The Holy Spirit _____ Christ's character in us (Galatians 5:22-23).

The Holy Spirit distributes _____ to all God's children (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Every Christian has a gift (1 Peter 4:10). Every Christian does not have the same gift (1 Corinthians 12:14-27). Not every gift given in the early church was permanent (1 Corinthians 13:8). Romans 12 contains a later and shorter list of spiritual gifts (Compare Romans 12:3-9 with 1 Corinthians 12:8-11).

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The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Believer

The Holy Spirit _____ the saved for victorious and fruitful Christian living (Ephesians 5:18). At the moment of salvation, we have as much of the Holy Spirit as we will ever have – we are baptized in the Spirit once. However, victorious and fruitful Christian living comes from daily being “filled” by the Holy Spirit. To be filled by the Holy Spirit requires the child of God to become empty of self and to fill his heart with God’s Word and to live yielded/surrendered in the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life.

False Tongues & The Charismatic Movement

One of the greatest tragedies of today is the misinterpretation of the Holy Spirit and the sign-gift of tongues. We are first introduced to the gift of tongues in Acts 2. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood and preached the Gospel to Jews who had gathered there from around the world for the celebration. God gave Peter the ability to preach in a language he had not learned. The Jews marveled and believed the Gospel that was preached unto them. This was the direct fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32.

The misunderstanding, misinterpretation, and misapplication of this occurrence and gift have brought about a great deal of confusion in the hearts of many.

The gift of tongues was understood to be a temporary gift to validate the Gospel to unbelieving Jews. It came to an end with the completion of God’s Word. Paul assures us that tongues shall cease (1 Corinthians 13:8-10). Furthermore, in later epistles, particularly Romans, the gift of tongues is not included in the list of spiritual gifts, proving further that tongues was only for a time.

Some of the greatest evidence of false tongues is their disorderly use in today’s churches. According to the Bible, an interpreter was required (1 Corinthians 14:27), and women were to keep silent (1 Corinthians 14:34). What is practiced today is pure confusion, and God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

Based upon the authority of God’s Word, our conclusion is that false tongues and the charismatic movement are not of God, but of the spirit of this world, the Devil.

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The Holy Spirit & My Christian Life

The greatest decision the child of God can make is to daily seek to “*walk in the Spirit*” (Galatians 5:24). This is a life of obedience to God and His Word. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residency in our hearts (Ephesians 1:13). We now live in the Spirit and are no longer bound to the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). The works of the flesh can be rooted out of our lives (Galatians 5:19-21). We are alive unto God and no longer have to obey the lusts of the flesh (Romans 6:11). We are Christ’s! Therefore, we crucify the flesh, our old man, with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:24, Colossians 3:5-9). As we mortify the old man, it becomes easier to live and do according to God’s Word and to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is always best to walk with the Lord than to walk in the flesh.

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Key Verses

"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." – **John 14:26**

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:" – **John 15:26**

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." – **John 16:13-14**

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;" – **Romans 15:30**

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" – **1 Corinthians 3:16**

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." – **1 Corinthians 6:11**

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." – **1 Corinthians 12:13**

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." – **Ephesians 4:30**

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" – **Ephesians 5:18**

"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?" – **Hebrews 9:14**

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." – **Revelation 3:6**