

The Deity and Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit? Some consider the Spirit to be an impersonal influence, much like a force – the energy or power of God. God's Word clearly reveals Him as an important Divine Person. There is only one God and that this one God exists as one essence in three persons – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the one who takes the place of our Lord and Savior until He returns to this earth (John 14:16). This arrangement was made among the members of the Trinity. Jesus, the Second Person asked the Father, the First Person, who then gives to us the Holy Spirit, the Third Person (John 14:16, 26).

I. He Has the Characteristics Personality

1. He speaks (Mark 13:11; Acts 13:2; I Timothy 4:1; Revelation 2:7).
2. He instructs (Nehemiah 9:20; John 14:26).
3. He knows (I Corinthians 2:11).
4. He bears witness (Acts 5:32; Romans 8:16).
5. He has feelings or sensibility (Romans 15:30).
6. He quickens or gives spiritual life (John 6:63).
7. He intercedes on our behalf (Romans 8:26).
8. He sends forth missionaries (Acts 13:4).
9. He wills (I Corinthians 12:7-11).
10. He points overseers in the Church (Acts 20:28).
11. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30).
12. He testifies or witnesses (John 15:26; Romans 8:16).
13. He guides the believer (Romans 8:14).
14. He commands or directs people as He did with Philip (Acts 8:29).
15. He performs miracles (Acts 8:39).
16. He led Christ into the wilderness (Luke 4:1).
17. He convicts the sinner of his sin (John 16:7-8).
18. He restrains mankind (Genesis 6:3).
19. He regenerates the believer (Titus 3:5; John 3:5, 8).
20. He can be obeyed (Acts 10:19-21).
21. He can be lied to, as did Ananias (Acts 5:3).
22. He can be resisted (Acts 7:51).
23. He can be taken away from a person (Psalm 51:11).
24. He can be blasphemed (Matthew 12:31).
25. He can be insulted (Hebrews 10:29).

II. His Names and Titles Reveal both His Personality and Deity: He is often designated by the effects which He produces.

1. Breath of the Almighty (Job 32:8; 33:4).
2. Comforter – Counselor (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; Romans 8:26).
3. Eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:14).
4. Free Spirit (Psalm 51:12).
5. The Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2; II Chronicles 15:1; Matthew 3:16; Romans 8:9).
6. God (Acts 5:3-4).
7. Holy Spirit (Psalm 51:11; Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).
8. LORD (II Corinthians 3:16-17).
9. Spirit of Might (Isaiah 11:2; II Timothy 1:7). Power of the Highest (Luke 1:35).
10. Spirit of Adoption (Romans 8:15).
11. The Spirit of the Lord God (Isaiah 61:1).

12. The Spirit of the Father (Matthew 10:20).
13. The Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9; I Peter 1:11). The Spirit of His Son (Galatians 4:6).
14. Spirit of Judgment (Isaiah 4:4; 28:6).
15. Spirit of Glory (I Peter 4:14).
16. Spirit of Burning (Isaiah 4:4).
17. Spirit of Grace (Zechariah 12:10a; Hebrews 10:29).
18. Spirit of Knowledge (Isaiah 11:2).
19. Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26).
20. Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2).
21. Spirit of Understanding and Wisdom ((Isaiah 11:2; Ephesians 1:17)
22. Spirit of the Living God (II Corinthians 3:3).
23. Spirit of Prophecy (Revelation 19:10).
24. Spirit of Revelation (Ephesians 1:17).
25. Spirit of the Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).
26. Spirit (Matthew 4:1; John 3:6; I Timothy 4:1).
27. Spirit of Supplication (Zechariah 12:10).
28. Spirit of Worship (John 4:23).
29. Spirit of Faith (II Corinthians 4:13).
30. Spirit of Love (II Timothy 1:7).

III. He Shares the Attributes of Deity

1. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14).
2. He is omniscient (I Corinthians 2:10-12).
3. He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7).
4. He is omnipotent (Romans 8:11; Job 33:4).
5. He is holy (Isaiah 57:15; Luke 11:13).
6. He is just and righteous (Isaiah 59:17-19).
7. He is the giver of resurrection life (Romans 8:2, 11).
8. He is sovereign (Psalm 51:12; John 3:8; II Corinthians 12:11).
9. His greatness is unsearchable (Isaiah 40:13).

IV. Divine Acts are ascribed to the Holy Spirit

1. Creation (Genesis 1:2).
2. Resurrection (Romans 8:11; I Peter 3:18).
3. Regeneration (John 6:63).
4. Inspiration of Scripture (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:10-11, 21).
5. Interceding (Romans 8:26).
6. Sanctifying (II Thessalonians 2:13).
7. Reprove the world of sin (John 16:8-9), of righteousness (John 16:10) & of judgment (John 16:11).
8. He indwells all believers (John 14:17; I Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 2:22).
9. He seals every believer for glory (II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).
10. He reveals and glorifies the Lord Jesus (John 16:14; 15:26).