

The Holy Spirit

Who is Holy Spirit?

Being a Divine person means that He is God - coequal with the Father and with the Son - Jesus.

In John 14, 15, and 16 Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “He” - not “it” because the Holy Spirit is a person, not a force or a thing.

- He has a mind - **Romans 8:27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13**
- He has a free will - **Acts 13: 1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:11**
- He speaks - **Matthew 10:20; Acts 21:10-12; Acts 28:25; Revelation 2:7**
- He can be lied to - **Acts 5:3**
- He can be resisted - **Acts 7:51**
- He can be insulted - **Hebrews 10:29**
- He can be grieved - **Ephesians 4:30**
- He can be vexed - **Isaiah 63:10**
- He can be blasphemed - **Matthew 12: 31-32**

The Holy Spirit is God

The Holy Spirit is a Divine person - God. He has all the attributes of God the Father and God the Son. Peter in **Acts 5:3-4** referred to the Holy Spirit as God: “...you have not lied to men but to God” (vs 4).

- He is present everywhere (Omnipresent) - **Psalms 139:7**
- He is all-knowing (Omniscient) - **1 Corinthians 2:10-11**
- He is all-powerful (Omnipotent) - **Luke 1:35**
- He is eternal - **Hebrews 9:14**
- He is creator - **Psalms 104:24, 30**
- He gives eternal life - **Romans 8:11,13**
- He is Holy - **Romans 1:4**

The work of the Holy Spirit

- He intercedes - **Romans 8:26**
- He teaches - **Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:13**
- He commands - **Acts 16:6-7**
- He sends - **Acts 13:4**
- He appoints - **Acts 20:28**

- He comforts - **John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7**
- He leads - **Matthew 4:1; Acts 8:29**
- He testifies - **John 15:26**
- He guides - **John 16:13**
- He gives gifts - **1 Corinthians 12:11**
- He draws the sinner to Christ for repentance and regeneration - **Titus 3:5; John 3:5-6; Romans 12:2**

More about His work in the life a believer

- He gives strength to the believer - **Ephesians 3:16**
- He is the witness in our Spirits, that we are Sons of God - **Romans 8:15-17**
- He prays with and for us - **Romans 8:26**
- He reveals the deep things (Mysteries) of God to us - **1 Corinthians 1:25-28; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14**

Symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible

- **Oil** - To show that the Holy Spirit heals - **Isaiah 1:6; Luke 10:34**
- **Fire** - To show that He has the power to purify - **Malachi 3:2**
- **Dove** - To show that He is gentle, harmless and pure - **Matthew 3:13-17**
- **Water** - To symbolise that the Holy Spirit cleanses and revives - **John 4:14; John 7: 38; Ephesians 5:26**
- **Seal** - To symbolise ownership and authenticity - **1 Kings 21: 8; 1 Corinthians 9:2; 2 Timothy 2:19; Revelation 9:4**
- **Wind** - To show that the Holy Spirit breathes life into us - **John 3:7-8**

Jesus Promises: The Holy Spirit to be with us at all times

God gave the Holy Spirit as a gift to every believer. We need not feel confused like the twelve disciples felt when Jesus said He was going back to the Father (**John 16:5-7**). He promised the comforter would come and certainly, He, the Holy Spirit, is here now. The reason why most believers still don't enjoy fellowship with Him is because they have a lot of misconceptions about Him, mainly because of wrong teaching or simply a lack of it. Now that you know who the Holy Spirit is, you should desire that you be filled with His presence.

How to be filled with the Spirit

Paul wrote: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." So, it is God's will that we be filled with His Spirit. Christians often ask, "How do I get filled with God's Spirit?"

Here is how you can be filled with God's Spirit

- **Recognise** your need to be filled with God's Spirit. A lack in this area is very often too obvious in the lives of many Christians. Note, every Child of God has His Spirit **dwelling** within their spirit but, not all can testify to being **filled** with His Spirit. We all need this infilling with God's Spirit - **Exodus 35:31**; **Deuteronomy 34:9**; **Luke 1:67**; **Acts 2:4**; **Acts 13:9**.
- **Ask God** to remove anything in your life that may be a hindrance to you being filled with His Spirit. Whatever it is; be it unforgiveness or unconfessed sin, just ask and believe that He will set you free - **1 John 1: 8-9**.
- **Ask God** to fill you with His Spirit. Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" **John 15:7**. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him." **1 John 5:14-15**. See also **Luke 11:11-13**.
- **Believe you have received** by faith and thank God for filling you with His Spirit. "For we live by faith, not by sight" **2 Corinthians 5:7**. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." **Mark 11:24**.

It is our prayer that you will enjoy a rich and rewarding Christian life as you seek to be filled with God's Holy Spirit everyday of your life.

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