

## The Holy Spirit

**HOLY SPIRIT.** The third Person in the Trinity.

In the Bible:-

Heb. ruah, elohim,' "Spirit of God," or ruah, YHWH, "Spirit of Jehovah";

Gk. Pneuma, hagian, "the Holy Ghost," or "the Holy Spirit".

Frequently the term is simply "the Spirit," or "the Spirit of the Lord," or "the Spirit of God," or "the Spirit of Jesus Christ" Matt. 3:16; Luke 4:18; John 14:17; Acts 5:9; Phil. 1:19.

**Hebrew—ruach** 387 times in OT. feminine noun, means breath (but of a rational being), wind, air in motion, life, activity.

**Greek --- pneuma** 385 times in NT. Neuter noun, elemental and natural force, blowing of the wind  
Breath of the spirit (rational soul), detected outwardly and inwardly.

The Holy Spirit is symbolised in the Bible by the dove, -Matt 3, Jesus' baptism.

And tongues of fire -Acts 2.

**1. Deity**—He is God. Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

Divine attributes --	Knowledge --	1 Cor 2:11
	Sovereignty --	1 Cor 12:11
	Eternity --	Hebrews 9:14
	Worshipped--	2 Cor 13:14, John 4:24.
	He is everywhere-	Psalms 139:7-10

We are commanded--	Not to blaspheme against the Spirit	Matt 12:32
	Not to lie to the Holy Spirit	Acts 5:3-4,
	Not to resist the Holy Spirit	Acts 7:51
	Not to quench the Holy Spirit	1 Thess 5:18

<b>2. Personality</b> --	"He"	John 16:13-14
Attributes of personality-	Mind, self consciousness, freedom	1 Cor 2:10, Romans 8:27
	Will --	Romans 8:5, 1 Cor 12:11, Acts 13:2 John 3:8.
	Emotions --	Isaiah 63:10, Eph.4:30, John 14:16, Luke 10:21
Paraklete ---	Comforter, advocate, counsellor, consoler, intercessor,	John 14:26.

**3. Relation to the Father and the Son** (*Unger's New Bible Dictionary*).

The Holy Spirit is the same in substance and equal in power and glory with the Father and

The Son, in His mode of operation, subordinate to both the Father and the Son, as He proceeds from them and is sent by them, and they operate through Him. John 15:26; 16:13-15; 14:26; Phil. 1:19; Acts 11:15-17.

How the Holy Spirit relates to the Father and to the Son has developed slowly in early church faith. The controversies of the first four centuries related principally to the Son.

The Council at Nicaea, A.D. 325, wrote this clause respecting the third Person in the Trinity: "And we believe in the Holy Spirit."

The second Council at Constantinople, A.D. 381, added the words "the Lord and Giver of life who proceeds from the Father, who is to be worshiped and glorified with the Father and the Son, and who spoke through the prophets."

At the third Synod of Toledo, A.D. 589, the words "filio que" ("and the Son") were added, so as to assert the procession of the Holy Spirit from the Son as well as the Father. This was a principal cause of the division between the Western and Eastern churches, the former maintaining, the latter denying, that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father John 15:26

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Son, John 15:26, John 16:14.

The Father and the Son operate through the Holy Spirit. They are all equal in being and power, but in operation, the Holy Spirit subordinates Himself to them, in that He speaks about them, and does not speak on His own. John 16:12-15.

He glorifies Jesus, so much that it is said "The Spirit of Jesus" Phil 1:19.

'It is a remarkable fact that each of the persons of the trinitarian family serves the other as all defer, or submit, give way to one another.' (*Nelson's Bible Dictionary on 'Holy Spirit', Thomas Nelson, latest edition 2014*).

The Son says what He hears from the Father, John 12:49-50,

The Father witnesses to and glorifies the Son, John 8: 16-18,50,54. Matthew: 13-17.

The Father and the Son honour the Holy Spirit by commissioning Him to speak in their name, John 14:16,26.

#### 4. The work of the Holy Spirit

1. Creation, He is the source of all life, Gen 1:2, Job 26;13, Ps.104:30, Isaiah 32:15, Gen 2:7.

2. He reveals the truth about God-

-- through the Word 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Tim 3:16

-- through conscience, and conviction. John 16:7-11.

-- He strives with man Gen 6:3.

-- He reveals truth about God through the created world, Ps. 19, Ps.29, Romans 1:20

3. In the life of the believer

The new birth, regeneration

John 3:5-8, Titus 3:5

He dwells in us

John 14:17

He seals us, we belong to God

Ephesians 1:13

He adopts us, we are His children. Cry "Abba"

Romans 8:15-17

He brings the truth about Jesus' life and work to us

John 16:12-15, John 15:26

He testifies about Jesus

John 15:26.

He glorifies Jesus

John 16:14

He guides us into all truth

John 16:13

He is the Spirit of truth

3x in John 14-16

He teaches us

John 14:26

He reminds us of what Jesus said

John 14:26

He comforts us "Parakletos"

John 14:16

He intercedes for us and through us

Romans 8:26-27

He helps us in our weakness

Romans 8:26-7

He convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgment

John 16:7

He sanctifies us

2 Thess. 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2

He fills us, anoints us, baptises us

Ephesians 5:18, Acts 1:5,8, John 1:33.

He empowers us and sends us out as witnesses

Acts 1:8

He produces fruit in us, as we obey Him

Galatians 5:22

He gives a harvest

Galatians 6:8

He gives us gifts

1 Corinthians 12

He brings freedom

2 Corinthians 3:17

The fruit of the Holy Spirit, Galatians 5:22, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12, 14, :- wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

In balance with each other like the nine feathers on the wings of a dove. Together the dove can fly.