

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

The Holy Spirit



What do you think about when
you think about the **Holy Spirit?**



BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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TEENAGERS

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The holy spirit is not a person

By referring to God's spirit as his "hands," "fingers," or "breath," the Bible shows that the holy spirit is not a person. ([Exodus 15:8, 10](#)) A craftsman's hands cannot function independent of his mind and body; likewise, God's holy spirit operates only as he directs it. ([Luke 11:13](#)) The Bible also compares God's spirit to water and associates it with such things as faith and knowledge. These comparisons all point to the impersonal nature of the holy spirit.—[Isaiah 44:3](#); [Acts 6:5](#); [2 Corinthians 6:6](#).

The Bible gives the names of Jehovah God and of his Son, Jesus Christ; yet, nowhere does it name the holy spirit. ([Isaiah 42:8](#); [Luke 1:31](#)) When the Christian martyr Stephen was given a miraculous heavenly vision, he saw only two persons, not three. The Bible says: "He, being full of holy spirit, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God's glory and of Jesus standing at God's right hand." ([Acts 7:55](#)) The holy spirit was God's power in action, enabling Stephen to see the vision.

Misconceptions about the holy spirit

- Breath.—[Habakkuk 2:19](#); [Revelation 13:15](#).
- Wind.—[Genesis 8:1](#); [John 3:8](#).
- The vital, or animating, force in living creatures.—[Job 34:14, 15](#).

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The **Person** of the Holy Spirit

- When you say someone is a person, what do you mean?
- A person possesses **understanding, emotions, and volition** (a will)
- It is not our job to “assume” things about God, it is our job to learn and accept what He has revealed



The **Person** of the Holy Spirit

- When you see the Holy Spirit in Scripture, what is occurring?

1st Corinthians 12:11
The Spirit **decides**

1st Corinthians 2:9-12
The Spirit **searches**

Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit's **mind**

Ephesians 4:30
The Spirit **feels**



The **Uniqueness** of the Holy Spirit

- Notice the distinctions between the Spirit and others:
 - **John 14:16-17**
 - Jesus was distinct from who would come afterwards
 - **2nd Corinthians 13:14**
 - There is communion with each individual
 - **Matthew 28:18-19**
 - Three different names are given
 - **Luke 3:21-22**



The **Divinity** of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is not just distinct, He is divine
- He is eternal in nature, like God
 - **Hebrews 9:14**
- He is everywhere
 - **Psalm 139:7**
- Scripture gives Him divine association with God
 - **1st Corinthians 12:4-6**



The Spirit of God is POWER



The **Function** of the Holy Spirit

- Names always help us identify and characterize an individual
- The Spirit, Spirit of God, – **John 3:5-8**
- The Holy Spirit – **Romans 1:4**
- The Spirit of Truth – **John 16:13**
- The Spirit of Grace – **Hebrews 10:29**
- The Helper – **John 14:26**
- The Spirit of Wisdom And Understanding – **Isaiah 11:2, Eph. 1:17**
- The Spirit of Promise, Guarantee – **Eph. 1:13, 2nd Cor. 1:22**



And it will happen afterward thus: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your elders will dream dreams; your young men shall see visions. And also on the male slaves and on the female slaves, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

- Joel 2:28-29



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, in order that he may be with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world is not able to receive, because it does not see him or know him. You know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.

- John 14:16-17



And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all those who are far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to himself.”

- Acts 2:38



Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also makes us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

- 2nd Corinthians 3:5-6



recognizing this above all, that every prophecy of scripture does not come about from one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- 2nd Peter 1:20-21



The **Function** of the Holy Spirit

- Aside from names used, other descriptions help explain the work of the Spirit
- Renewal in salvation – **Titus 3:4-7; 1st Cor. 12:13**
- Instruction – **Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 143:10**
- Provided the Word: **2nd Peter 1:20-21**
- Confirmed the Word: **Hebrews 2:1-3**
- Assists Believers: **Romans 8:26**
- Equips for service: **1st Corinthians 12:7**

