

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Holy Spirit is called:

- the Spirit – Luke 4:1
- the Spirit of God – Genesis 1:2
- the Spirit of the Lord – Luke 4:18
- the Spirit of truth – John 16:13
- the Spirit of grace – Hebrews 10:29
- the Helper or Comforter – John 14:16, 26; 15:26

The personhood of the Holy Spirit

- ◎ Definition (from the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, by Jeff Asher, p.6)
 - Personhood: “The state or condition of being a person, especially having those qualities that confer distinct individuality” (American Heritage Dictionary).
 - A person is “a self-conscious or rational being” (Oxford English Dictionary).
 - Individual: “existing as a distinct entity” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary).
 - Being: “the quality or state of having existence...conscious existence...” (Merriam-Webster).
 - Therefore, a person is an individual with conscious existence. The Holy Spirit does not and cannot exist if He is not a person.

Attributes of the Holy Spirit which show His personhood:

- He speaks – 1 Timothy 4:1
- He testifies, bears witness – John 15:26; Romans 8:16-17
- He teaches and quickens the mind – John 14:26
- He guides – John 16:12, 13
- He hears – John 16:13
- He leads and forbids – Acts 16:6, 7
- He searches – 1 Corinthians 2:10
- He knows – 1 Corinthians 2:11

Attributes of the Holy Spirit which show His personhood:

- He wills – 1 Corinthians 12:11
- He gives commandments – Acts 13:2; 16:6
- He can be grieved – Ephesians 4:30
- He can be insulted – Hebrews 10:29
- He can be lied to – Acts 5:3
- He can be blasphemed – Matthew 12:31, 32
- He can be resisted – Acts 7:51
- He glorifies – John 16:14