

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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# The Holy Spirit is divine. The Holy Spirit is:

- ⊙ God
  - Acts 5:3, 4
- ⊙ Eternal
  - Hebrews 9:14
- ⊙ Omnipresent
  - Psalm 139-7-10
- ⊙ Omniscient
  - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
  - John 16:13-14

# The Holy Spirit is divine. The Holy Spirit:

- ⦿ Performs the works of divine power
  - In Creation
    - Genesis 1:1; Job 26:13; Psalm 104:30
  - In Miracles
    - Matthew 12:28; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11
  - In Inspiration
    - 1 Peter 1:9-12; 2 Peter 1:19-21

## 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

- ① The Holy Spirit is not some mystical being or simply an influence or force.
- ① He performs the works of divine power, He possesses the attributes of God, and His works and characteristics show Him to be of the divine nature.
- ① The Holy Spirit is God just as much as the Father and Jesus Christ the Son are God.



# In studying the Holy Spirit, it is expedient to speak of the Godhead

- ◎ There is one God
  - Deuteronomy 6:4
  - John 1:1
  - The God of the New Testament is the God of the Old Testament
    - Acts 3:12-16
- ◎ But how is there one God, yet there exists the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?

# A plurality of persons in the Godhead

## ● Genesis 1:1

- “Elohim” is plural in form

## ● Genesis 1:26 – plurality

## ● All 3 in the beginning:

Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3;

Colossians 1:16-17; 1

Corinthians 8:6

# The divine persons constituting this plurality are the Father, the Son, and the Holy

- Matthew 3:16,17; Luke 3:21-22
- Matthew 28:19
- John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13-15
- Romans 15:30
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Ephesians 4:4-6

## Each of these three possesses all the qualities and attributes of divinity, and each is called God

- ⦿ The Father – John 6:27, 44-45; 20:17; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:6
- ⦿ The Son, Jesus Christ – John 1:1, 14; 20:28-29; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8-9
- ⦿ The Holy Spirit – Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 4:30
  
- ⦿ The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father, and neither the Father nor the Son is the Spirit. Each is a distinct being, possessing all the qualities of deity.
  
- ⦿ For your consideration, it has been explained in this way:
  - All of these divine beings together constitute the one God, or the godhead. As there is one man (humanity or mankind), so there is one God (divinity, or godhood). As there are individual beings in one humanity, there are individual beings in one godhead.

