



THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHO HE IS

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I. THE MYSTERY OF EXPORING THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The Spirit is _____.
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II. USES OF "SPIRIT" IN SCRIPTURE

- A natural use - "_____."
- An angelic use - "_____."
- Human life - "_____ " or "spirit."
- Human attitude - "a spirit of _____."
- A divine use - "The Spirit of _____ " or "The Holy Spirit."

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

A. The Spirit is not a _____. (Luke 4:14; Acts 10:37-38)

B. The Spirit is not a _____. (John 14:26)

C. The Spirit is a _____. (Acts 13:2)

❖ He has personal characteristics.

- _____ (John 14:26)
- _____ (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- _____ (Ephesians 4:30 NIV)

❖ He has personal affections.

- He can be _____ to...(Acts 5:3-4)
- He can be _____...(Isaiah 63:10)
- He can be _____...(1 Thessalonians 5:19)
- He can be _____...(Acts 7:51)
- He can be _____...(Matthew 12:31)

❖ He has a personal ministry.

- He _____ us...(Romans 8:14)
- He _____ to us...(Romans 8:16)
- He _____ us...(Romans 8:26)

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DEITY

"As to the Holy Spirit, if he is not fully God, the implications for salvation are again serious. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit regenerates believers and indwells and fills them, but if the Holy Spirit is a lesser God or no God at all, how can we be sure that he can do any of these things? Moreover, unless he is coequal in being and purpose with the Father and the Son, what guarantees that even if he tried to do such things, the Father and the Son would recognize his actions as appropriate and relate to us accordingly?" **John Feinberg**

A. He is _____ with God.

- ❖ To lie to the Spirit is to lie to God. (Acts 5:3-4)
- ❖ The temple of God is the temple of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:16)

B. He is _____ with God. (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

C. He is _____ with God. (Exodus 17:7; (Hebrews 3:7-9; Isaiah 6:8-9; Acts 28:25-26; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:15-17)

D. He possesses the _____ of God.

- ❖ He is omnipresent. (Psalm 139:7-10)
- ❖ He is omniscient. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
- ❖ He is omnipotent. (Luke 1:35)
- ❖ He is eternal. (Hebrews 9:14)

E. He _____ the works of God.

- ❖ He distributes God's gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- ❖ He brings God's salvation. (Titus 3:5)
- ❖ He inspires God's Word. (2 Timothy 3:16)

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S HUMILITY

A. The Spirit is _____ in essence.

B. The Spirit is subordinate in function.

- ❖ He assists the _____. (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 33:6)
- ❖ He exalts the _____. (John 16:12-14)
 - In Scripture...(1 Peter 1:10-12)
 - In Salvation...(John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S AUTHORITY

A. He makes His _____ known. (Numbers 11:25-26; Acts 2:1-4)

B. He makes His _____ known. (Hebrews 2:4; 1 Corinthians 2:4; Romans 15:18-19)

C. He makes His _____ known. (Acts 1:8; Acts 13:2)

This week at Home with the Holy Spirit:

Which of these truths about the Holy Spirit do you want to know more about?

Which of these truths speaks most deeply to you and why?

This week pick one of the attributes of the Holy Spirit (omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, eternal). How are you aware of this attribute in your everyday life? Take time to focus on this attribute of the Holy Spirit. Not only be convinced of the attribute but be convicted (sure) that it is at work in your life.



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- The Spirit is intangible.
- The Spirit is inexhaustible.
- The Spirit is knowable.
- The Spirit is personal.
- The Spirit is experiential.
- The Spirit is essential.
- The Spirit is controversial.

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E. The Spirit is not a feeling. (John 14:26)

F. The Spirit is a person. (Acts 13:2)

- ❖ He has personal characteristics.
 - Intelligence (John 14:26)
 - Will (1 Corinthians 12:11)
 - Emotions (Ephesians 4:30 NIV)
- ❖ He has personal affections.
 - He can be lied to...(Acts 5:3-4)
 - He can be grieved...(Isaiah 63:10)
 - He can be quenched...(1 Thessalonians 5:19)
 - He can be resisted...(Acts 7:51)
 - He can be blasphemed...(Matthew 12:31)
- ❖ He has a personal ministry.
 - He leads us...(Romans 8:14)
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F. He is equated with God.

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G. He is identified with God. (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV)

H. He is linked with God. (Exodus 17:7; (Hebrews 3:7-9; Isaiah 6:8-9; Acts 28:25-26; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:15-17)

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