

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ. He is the spiritual manifestation of God. As God is a person, so is the Holy Spirit a person. He is not an “it, or a “thing”, or a “something.” He possesses all the attributes of God, and all elements of personality.

The Hebrew word for Spirit is Pneuma, originally meant “breath”; wind to blow. Another Paraclete, which means one called- alongside of.

The Holy Spirit is present both in the Old and the New Testaments. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is seen as active in creation, He came upon men to enable them to do mighty works of God. In the New Testament, He was the agent in Jesus’ conception (Matthew 1:18) He was present at His baptism and temptations.

- I. **What is a Spirit?** The manifestation of a presence, power, influence or wisdom. It has no physical body or tangible being, however, it can manifest itself with or without a physical or tangible being.
- II. **What does Holy mean?** Pure, clean, separated, saint.
- III. **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
 - a. The third person of the Trinity.
 - i. 1 John 5:7
 - b. The express presence and power of the Triune God
 - i. Genesis 1:2 John 3:5 John 14:16-26
 - ii. John 15:26 John 16:7-15 Acts 2:33
 - iii. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
 - c. The Spirit of God and Jesus
 - i. Matthew 3:16 Acts 5:9 Philippians 1:19
 - d. Gift from Jesus
 - i. Titus 3:5 1 John 4:13 1 Thessalonians 4:8
- IV. **How do we receive the Holy Spirit?**
 - a. Accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
 - i. Matthew 3:16 John 14th chapter
- V. **What is the Holy Spirit’s responsibility to the believer?**
 - a. Inspires the Word of God 2 Timothy 3:16
 - b. Live in every believer
 - i. Ezekiel 36:26-27 Ezekiel 37:14 John 6:63
 - ii. Romans 8:9 Titus 3:4-7
 - c. Assurance of salvation Romans 8:16
 - d. Keeper/seals us
 - i. Ephesians 1:13-14 Ephesians 4:30 1 John 2:27-29

e. Comforter/Helper	John 14:16-17	
f. Give understanding	1 Corinthians 2:11-14	
g. Guide to the truth	John 15:26	1 John 5:6
h. Teaches	John 14:26	
i. Communicator	John 16:13	
j. Empowers	Ephesians 3:16	Acts 1:5
k. Intercede/Advocate	Romans 8:26-27	
l. Transforms	2 Corinthians 3:18	
m. Sanctifies	1 Corinthians 6:11	
n. Convicts of sin	John 16:8	
o. Witness	1 John 5:6	
p. Gives a way to escape	1 Corinthians 10:13	
q. Protects	James 4:7	
r. Is Life	Galatians 6:8	
s. Administers God's gifts	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	
t. Fills	Ephesians 5:18	

VI. What is the believer's responsibility to the Holy Spirit

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| a. Obedience | 1 Peter 1:13-14 |
| b. Faith | Hebrews 11:6 |
| c. To get to know God through His Word and Spirit | |