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The Person, Characteristics & Work of the Holy Spirit

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. This means the Holy Spirit is God, co-equal with God the Father and God the Son, and is of the same essence. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct from one another in terms of their personal relationship and responsibilities.

WHAT ARE SOME DIVINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- 1.He was involved with the creation (Genesis 1:1-2).
 - 2.He's called the Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2; Judges 3:10).
 - 3.He's called God (Acts 5:3-4).
 - 4.He's considered God (Acts 28:25-27; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Hebrews 3:7-9).
 - 5.He's treated as equal to God the Father and Son (Matthew 3:16; 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18; 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2).
 - 6.He's eternal (Hebrews 9:14).
 - 7.He's self-existent (Romans 8:2).
 - 8.He's omnipresent (Psalms 139:7-8).
 - 9.He's omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10-11; John 14:26; 16:13).
 - 10.He's sovereign (Zechariah 12:10).
 - 11.He enabled the writing of the Bible (2 Peter 1:21).
 - 12.He helps us to recognize the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:4).
 - 13.He enables us to call upon Jesus as Lord (1 Corinthians 12:13).
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WHAT ARE SOME PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

As the third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is a person who is personal.

- 1.He's holy because God is Holy (John 14:26).
 - 2.He's referred to as a Person (John 6:63; 14:26; Romans 8:11, 16, 26; 1 John 5:6).
 - 3.He speaks (2 Samuel 23:2; Acts 1:16; 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2; 21:11; 28:25-26; 1 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 3:7-8; Revelation 2:7; 14:13; 22:17).
 - 4.He witnesses (John 15:26).
 - 5.He searches (1 Corinthians 2:11).
 - 6.He can be grieved (Isaiah 63:10; Ephesians 4:30).
 - 7.He loves (Romans 15:30).
 - 8.He has a mind (Romans 8:27).
 - 9.He has intelligence (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).
 - 10.He can be tested (Acts 5:9).
 - 11.He can be resisted (Acts 7:5).
 - 12.He has a will (1 Corinthians 2:11; 12:7-11).
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WHAT ARE WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN YOUR LIFE?

1. He makes known the presence of Jesus.

His primary work in our life and the world today is to mediate the presence of Jesus Christ. His aim is to bring glory to Jesus Christ (John 15:26; 16:14; Acts 5:32; 1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 John 4:2)—not Himself or us. He redirects our pursuits from aiming on ourselves to glorifying Jesus. He will lead us away from loving ourselves to loving God and others. He gives us a new purpose to love God and enjoy Him forever.

2. He makes us more like Jesus.

He will convict us of sin (John 15:8–11) and lead us to become more like Jesus. As we walk with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16) and stay in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25), He will strip away our love for sin and make us more like Jesus (Galatians 5:16, 18).

3. He helps us understand the Bible.

He inspired the writing of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21) and helps us to understand the Bible (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9–11; Hebrews 3:7; 10:15). When it comes to understanding a passage from Scripture, the Holy Spirit will help you to understand what it means and how it changes your life.

4. He calls you to a specific vocation or task.

The Holy Spirit not only calls people to faith in Jesus Christ, but He calls us to a specific vocation or task. This means that the God of the universe will guide you into the right vocational decisions you make.

5. He empowers you for service.

The Holy Spirit also empowers us for service. This means He enables us to do what we've been called to do. He is capable of empowering our natural abilities and improving upon them for a special task or purpose.

6. He helps you pray.

The Holy Spirit is active in aiding us in our prayer life (Romans 8:26–27). When you find yourself in these moments, remember to ask for the Holy Spirit to help you in your weakness.

7. He guides you.

The Holy Spirit also guides us (Galatians 5:16, 25; Acts 8:29; 13:2; 15:7–9; 16:6; Romans 8:14). Though the Holy Spirit is at work guiding us on a deep and personal level, the Scriptures do suggest that we are responsible to cooperate in His guidance by “walking according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:4; Gal. 5:16).

8. He empowers you to build the church.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be a witness (Acts 1:8), directs our evangelistic efforts (Acts 8:26, 29), and empowers our evangelistic efforts (Acts 4:38, 31; 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 1 Peter 1:12).

9. He gives you spiritual gifts.

The Holy Spirit also works through us by giving us spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:11). He doesn't give us these gifts for our personal benefit. He gives us gifts for the common good of the church (1 Corinthians 12:7).
