

## C. The Deity of the Holy Spirit

**Note:** The Bible teaches the Holy Spirit to be the **third** Person of the God-Head. This does not mean that the Holy Spirit is a lesser Person than God the Father or God the Son, for they are ONE in essence and CANNOT be separated from each other.

- a. The Holy Spirit is *co-equal* and *co-eternal*, with the Father and the Son.
  - We use the term “the third person” because the Scriptures place the Holy Spirit as the third person in the God-head. – *Mathew 28:19, 1 John 5:7*

*Mathew 28:19* “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

*1 John 5:7* “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

- b. The Holy Spirit has His **own distinct function** within the God-head.
- c. The Holy Spirit’s presence and leading were clearly made known to the Apostles.

*Acts 15:28* “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;”

- d. **Locker quotes:** “The Scriptures do not stop to prove either the personality or deity of the Holy Spirit. Everywhere, such truth is so clearly expressed and constantly implied that men must be blind to miss or deny it.”

### 1. The Holy Spirit is God

- a. One of the prominent passage in the N/T regarding the Deity of the Holy Spirit is found in Acts 5:3-4. This passage is clear, depicting that the Holy Spirit is God.

*Acts 5:3-4* “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? (4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

- Vs 3 – “why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost.”
- Vs 4 – “...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

**Question:** How did they lie to the Holy Ghost/God?

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**b. The Holy Spirit is related by name to the other two persons of the God-head.**

<p>➤ <b>Names that are related to the Father</b></p> <p>1) The Spirit of God — 1 Corinthians 3:16.</p> <p>2) The Spirit of the Living God — 2 Corinthians 3:3.</p> <p>3) The Spirit of the LORD — Isaiah 11:2.</p> <p>4) The Spirit of the Lord GOD — Isaiah 61:1.</p>	<p><b>1 Corinthians 3:16</b> “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the <u>Spirit of God</u> dwelleth in you?”</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 3:2-3</b> “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: (3) Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but <u>with the Spirit of the living God</u>; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 11:1-2</b> “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: (2) And the <u>spirit of the LORD</u> shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;”</p> <p><b>Isaiah 61:1</b> “<u>The Spirit of the Lord GOD</u> is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”</p>
<p>➤ <b>Names that are related to the Son</b></p> <p>1) The Spirit of Christ — Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11.</p> <p>2) The Spirit of His Son — Galatians 4:6.</p> <p>3) The Spirit of Jesus Christ — Philippians 1:19.</p>	<p><u>Powerful reference regarding the God-Head</u></p> <p><b>Romans 8:9</b> “But ye are not in the flesh, <u>but in the Spirit</u>, if so be that the <u>Spirit of God</u> dwell in you. Now if any man have not the <u>Spirit of Christ</u>, he is none of his.”</p> <p><b>Galatians 4:6</b> “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”</p> <p><b>Philippians 1:19</b> “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the <u>Spirit of Jesus Christ</u>,”</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Jesus/Holy Spirit both together intercede for us through prayer.</p>

**c. Another Comforter (Holy Spirit) refers to God/Jesus Christ.**

- In John 14:16 the Greek word “Another” means “another of the same kind”.

***Isaiah 9:6** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

**Note:** Christ is God manifested in the flesh, sent by the Father; and “The Holy Spirit” is also God, promised by the Father.

Comforter and Advocate	Jesus Christ	The Holy Spirit
<p>The words Comforter and Advocate come from the same Greek word.</p> <p>Παράκλητος paraklētos</p>	<p>1 John 2:1</p> <p><i><b>1 John 2:1</b> “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an <u>advocate</u> with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”</i></p>	<p>John 14:16</p> <p><i><b>John 14:16</b> “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another <u>Comforter</u>, that he may abide with you for ever;</i></p>

***Matthew 28:20** “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

**Note: The words “I am with you”** reinforces the promises of Christ in the beginning of Matthew's Gospel. Immanuel - Matthew 1:23 "which is translated, 'God with us'" Jesus promised to remain with us, "even to the end of the age" – until Christ returns to judge the world and establish His earthly kingdom.

***Hebrews 13:5-6** “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”*

- “For he hath said” are promises from the Lord.
- The words “I will never leave you” refer to an act of impossibility. It cannot happen, and it won’t happen. Thus, the Holy Spirit is promised to the believers.

**Turn to: John 14:16-20**

**Question:** What then is the difference between the Holy Spirit and Jesus? There is no difference, except that Jesus is not physically with us. The Holy Spirit is God, but has a different distinct function within the God-head.

## 2. The “Divine Natural Attributes” of the Holy Spirit

**Note:** The Holy Spirit exhibits attributes that only refer to God.

1) **ETERNAL** — *Hebrews 9:14* “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience ...?”

- Eternal means “no beginning or ending of existence.” The Holy Spirit existed before all things were made. He was not created and has no end.
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2) **OMNISCIENCE** — *John 16:13-14* “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come”

*Isaiah 40:13* “Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?” (No one can teach God who know all things)

*1 Corinthians 2:10* “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

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3) **OMNIPRESENCE** — *Psalms 139:7* “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?”

- There are three places where the Spirit is present at the same time:
    - a. **Heaven** – *Psalms 139:8* “If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there...”
    - b. **Hell** – *Psalms 139:8* “...if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.”
    - c. **Earth** – *Psalms 139:9* “If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;”
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4) **OMNIPOTENCE** — *Romans 15:19* “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God...”

- a. The Power of the Spirit to perform miracles (Something that is beyond human ability)
- b. The Power of the Spirit to change a person (Something that is beyond our sinful nature)

*Romans 15:13* “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

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**Note:** Always remember, signs and wonders were demonstrated to authenticate the Word of God so that people would believe the message of the gospel delivered by holy men of God.

- There is no need of signs and wonders as we have the complete written word of God, which is a more sure word of prophecy.

- c. **The Holy Spirit is the power of God.** – Notice this wonderful parallel.

**Turn to:** Matthew 12:28

**Turn to:** Luke 11:20

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**Note:** The “Finger of God” is descriptive of the Holy Spirit’s Omnipotent Power.

- Notice what Pharaoh’s Magicians said after the third plague of lice.

*Exodus 8:19* “Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.”

- The moral law was written with “the finger of God”
- Notice the God-head at work, delivering the moral law of God.

*Deuteronomy 9:10* “And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.”

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### 3. The “Divine Moral Attributes” of the Holy Spirit

1) **HOLINESS** — *Ephesians 4:30* “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

**Note:** Whenever the Bible uses a lower case “h” in “holy” Spirit, it is referring to His **character** — when it uses an upper case “H,” it is referring to His **title** as the Holy Spirit.  
– **Robert Sargent**

**Note:** The God-head is thrice holy!

- It is suggested that the Angels cry-out and sing “Holy, holy, holy, because of the triune-God: The Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

*Revelation 4:8* “And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

- The Scriptures refer to all three as being Holy!

<b>Holy Father</b>	<b>Holy Son</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>
<p><i>John 17:11</i> “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. <u>Holy Father</u>, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.”</p>	<p><i>Luke 1:35</i> “And the angel answered and said unto her, <u>The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that <u>holy thing</u> which shall be born of thee shall be called the <u>Son of God.</u>”</u></p>	<p><i>1 Thessalonians 4:7-8</i> “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. (8) He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his <u>holy Spirit.</u>”</p>

**Note:** God has given to us His Holy Spirit so that we can be a HOLY PEOPLE!!!

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2) **LOVE** — *Romans 15:30* “Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;”

*1 John 4:16* “And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”

- ❖ **Alberts Barnes** “By the mutual love and sympathy which the Spirit of God produces in the minds of all who are the friends of God. I beseech you now to manifest that love by praying earnestly for me.”

- 3) **TRUTH** — *John 15:26* “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.”

*John 14:16* “... and he shall give you another Comforter, (the Spirit of Truth) that he may abide with you for ever.”

2 *John 1:1-2* “The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; vs 2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.”

2 *John 1:3* “Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

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## 4. The “Divine Actions” of the Holy Spirit

**Note:** The Holy Spirit has the divine ability to create and control. His actions can only be attributed to the things God ALONE can perform.

- There are **six great events** in history that the Holy Spirit was a part of.

### 1) The Holy Spirit was an **ACCESSORY** in Creation.

*Genesis 1:1-2* “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God **MOVED** upon the face of the waters.”

*Genesis 1:3* “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

**Note:** The Holy Spirit was working together with the Father and the Son in Creation.

#### a. The creation of the universe.

*Verse 1* — “In the beginning **GOD** created...” — FATHER

*Verse 2* — “...the **SPIRIT** of God moved...” — SPIRIT

*Verse 3* — “...and God **SAID**...” (The Word) — SON

*Psalms 33:6* “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”

*Job 26:13* “By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens...”

#### b. The creation of mankind.

*Genesis 1:26* “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”

- ❖ **William McDonald** “The crown of God's work was the creation of man in His image and according to His likeness. This means that man was placed on earth as God's representative, and that He resembles God in certain ways. Just as God is a Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), so man is a tripartite being (spirit, soul, and body). Like God, man has intellect, a moral nature, the power to communicate with others, and an emotional nature that transcends instinct. There is no thought of physical likeness here. In contrast to animals, man is a worshiper, an articulate communicator, and a creator.”

*Job 33:4* “The spirit of God hath MADE me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”

**Note:** Mankind has a spirit – Acts 7:59

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2) The Holy Spirit was **ACTIVE** in the virgin birth.

*Matthew 1:20* “...fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

*Luke 1:35* “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

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3) The Holy Spirit was **ASSOCIATED** with the work on the Cross.

*Hebrews 9:14* “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

**Christ** = Offered himself (*The Blood of Christ*)

**God** = Offered to God (*Offered himself without spot to God*)

**Spirit** = Enabled the Offering (*Through the Eternal Spirit*)

**Believer** = Partakers of the Offering (*purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*)

4) The Holy Spirit **AFFILIATED** in the birth of the Church.

*Acts 2:1-5* “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.”

*Matthew 16:18* “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

*1 Timothy 3:15* “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

**Turn to: Ephesians 2:19-22**

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**5) The Holy Spirit was the AGENT in the Inspired Scripture.**

*2 Peter 1:21* “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were MOVED by the Holy Ghost.”

- **The Old Testament** — *2 Peter 1:20, 21*
- **The New Testament** — *John 16:13, 14*

*2 Timothy 3:16* “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”

**a. The Holy Spirit has divine foreknowledge**

*Acts 1:16* “Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.”

- Peter was preaching that Judas was a fulfilment of prophecy.

**b. The Holy Spirit is the divine interpreter of the Scriptures.**

*1 John 2:20, 27* “But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things... But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

**6) The Holy Spirit is the ASSISTING power for Salvation.**

*Titus 3:5* “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

**“According to His Mercy” = The FATHER**

**“He saved us” = The SON**

**“Washing of regeneration” = The HOLY SPIRIT**

**Source of Salvation = The FATHER**

**Sacrifice for Salvation = The SON**

**Sealing power in Salvation = The HOLY SPIRIT**

**Salvation is... from the FATHER**

through the **SON**

by the **SPIRIT**

**Memory Verse: 1 John 5:7**

- Next week we will look at the “The Divine Ministry of the Holy Spirit.”
  - In the Life of Christ
  - In the Life of the Unbelievers
  - In the Life of the Believers
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