

## **God the Holy Spirit: His Person and Work**

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1. The Trinity
  - a. One God existing eternally in three Persons: Father, Son, and Spirit
  - b. Each Person possesses the fullness of the divine nature and essence
  - c. Deity of the Father, uncontested
  - d. Deity of the Son, see my paper, "Jesus Christ is God"
  - e. Proof texts: Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:1-2
2. The Holy Spirit is a Person, not a "force"
  - a. He teaches (Luke 12:11-12)
  - b. He speaks and calls (Acts 13:2)
  - c. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30)
3. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person
  - a. He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7)
  - b. Lying to the Holy Spirit is Lying to God (Acts 5:3-4)
  - c. He is omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
  - d. He lives in God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19)
  - e. He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14)
4. The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures
  - a. Active in creation (Genesis 1:2)
  - b. In the OT, He would come upon people, often to inspire them to prophesy (1 Samuel 10:10, 16:13) and could depart from them (Psalm 51:11)
  - c. Active in Scripture inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
  - d. Key Passages in the Gospel of John (14:16-26, 16:7-14)
    - i. Guides believers into truth (understanding and application)
    - ii. Points not to Himself, but to the Son in order to glorify Him
    - iii. Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment
5. Coming of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts (Acts 1:8)
  - a. In three installments, beginning in Acts 2:2-4, Cf. Acts 8:4-6, 10:44-46
    - i. Attested to by signs, to convince unbelievers, temporary sign gifts
    - ii. Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 14:21-22, 13:8-10
6. Other Ministries of God the Holy Spirit
  - a. Aid God's people in prayers (Romans 8:26-27)
  - b. Empower believers for spiritual service (1 Corinthians 12:7)
  - c. Seal Christians, securing their eternal salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14)
  - d. Continually sanctify believers (Ephesians 5:18, literally in the Greek—"keep on being filled with the Spirit")