

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- He is the Spirit of adoption - Causing us to cry out in joy: "Abba, Father!" (Rom. 8:15 – "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.'")
- He is the Spirit of God - (7 Spirits of God) (Isa. 11:2 – "And the Spirit of Lord 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.")
- He is the Spirit of Holiness - And new life in Jesus (Rom. 1:4 – "And declared to be with Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead:)
- He administers the Law of Life - Places within believers the Law of life and frees them from sin and death. (Rom. 8:2 – For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.")
- He is the Spirit of Truth - Dwells with us and in us. (Jn. 14:17 - "Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.")
- He is the Eternal Spirit - Who applies Calvary's sacrifice to our lives. (Heb. 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?")
- He is the Spirit of Grace - Undeserved favor offered in love. (Heb. 10:29 – "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?")
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The aspects of PERSONALITY are the ability to know, to feel and to will.

The Holy Spirit has all these aspects:

- 1.) Knows the things of God. (I Cor. 2:10-13) "But hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the word which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.")
- 2.) Is able to feel love. (Rom. 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;"
- 3.) Gives gifts as He wills. (I Cor. 12:11) "But all these worketh (referencing the gifts of the Spirit) that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will."

In the following scripture, the word "He" is used eight times. This tells us that the Holy Spirit is a person.

(Jn. 16:13) "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, He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." In this verse, the Holy Spirit: comes, guides, hears, speaks, glorifies Christ, receives and shows.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- 1.) He speaks *(I Tim. 4:1) – “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”*
- 2.) He reveals the future *(Lk. 2:26) – “And it was revealed unto him (Simeon) by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”*
- 3.) Bears witness to us *(Rom. 8:16) “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”*
- 4.) Searches the things of God *(I Cor. 2:10) “But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”*
- 5.) Helps our infirmities *(Rom. 8:26) “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*
- 6.) Teaches & reminds us *(Jn. 14:26) “But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*
- 7.) Leads us *(Rom. 8:14) “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*
- 8.) Commissions leadership *(Acts 13:2, 4) “...the Holy Ghost said, ‘Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have called them....So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia...”*

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We should always love, reverence and be thankful for the Holy Spirit. Scripture shows us that it is also possible to treat Him in these ways:

- *Grieve Him - *(Eph. 4:30) “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”*
- *Vex or make Him angry - *(Isa. 63:9-10) “...in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed His Holy Spirit: Therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them.”*
- *Resist Him - *(Acts 7:51) “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.” (Stephen’s sermon)*
- *Tempt Him - *(Acts 5:9) “Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.” (Ananias and Sapphira)*
- *Quench Him - *(I Thess. 5:19) “Quench not the Spirit.”*