

# The Holy Spirit

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## Text John 14:16-17

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- Joh 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*
- Joh 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.*

# Definitions

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- Comforter - parakle tos
  - An *intercessor, consoler*: - advocate, comforter.
- Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost - pneuma
  - A *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figuratively a *spirit*, that is, (human) the rational *soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel, daemon*, or (divine) God, **Christ's spirit**, the Holy *spirit*: - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind.



# Definitions

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## □ Godhead

- In the Beginning God – elohim, Hebrew plural
- Us and our in Gen.1:26 *And God said, Let **us** make man in our image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth*

# Definitions

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## □ Godhead

- God, Jesus, and the Spirit were all three together in one place: (Luk 3:22) *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.*



# Definitions

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## □ Godhead

- We are baptized in the name of three: (Mat 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:*





# Characteristics

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## □ Divine Being

- He knows all things - (1 Co 2:10-11) *But God 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 a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
- He is everywhere - (Psa 139:7-10) *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me*



# Characteristics

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## □ Divine Being

- He is called the "eternal" Spirit – (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?*



# Characteristics

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## □ Personal

- He has a mind: (Rom 8:27) *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*



# Characteristics

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## □ Personal

- He Has knowledge: (1Cor 2:11) *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
- The Holy Spirit LOVES: (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;*



# Characteristics

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## □ Personal

- He has a will: (1 Cor. 12:11) *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*



# Characteristics

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## □ Sufferings

- He can be grieved: (Eph. 4:30) *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
- He can be made sorrowful through our willful neglect



# Characteristics

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## □ Suffers

### ■ He can be blasphemed or spoken evil of

- As in attributing His deeds to the works of Satan, the "unforgivable sin": (Mat 12:31-32) *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*



# Characteristics

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## □ Suffers

### ■ He can be insulted

- (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?*
- This is done by sinning "willfully" : (Heb. 10:26) *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*



# Characteristics

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- Suffers

- He can be lied to

- As Ananias and his wife Sapphira were guilty of this:  
(Act 5:3) *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?*



# Characteristics

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## □ Suffers

### ■ He can be resisted

- Stephen charged the Jewish leaders of so doing: (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.*
- This they did by resisting the message and persecuting the messengers who were inspired by the Holy Spirit: (Acts 7:52-53) *Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it?*



# Location

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- Old Testament

- In tribes of Israel:

- The Jews didn't have the same measure of the Holy Spirit as Christians do. (Joh 7:39) *But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.*



# Location

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## □ Old Testament

- The Holy Spirit worked in the minds of O. T. prophets: (2 Pet 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.*

# Location

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## □ Old Testament

- Holy Spirit put words in the mouth of King David: (Act 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.*
  
- The Holy Sprit worked in some the follower of God before the cross for special purposes:
  - (Luk 1:41) *And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: Confirmation*
  
  - (Luk 1:67) *And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Revelation and Confirmation.*



# Location

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- Christian Era

- The Holy Spirit is a gift – a present – to those who obey the Gospel.

- (Act 2:38) *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*
- (Act 5:32) *And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*



# Location

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## □ Christian Era

- Holy Spirit was and is found in the hearts of Christians.

- (Act 4:8) *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,*
- (Act 4:31) *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*



# Location

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- Christian Era

- The Holy Spirit dwells directly in our minds.

- (Rom 5:5) *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*



# Location

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## □ Christian Era

### ■ Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit.

- (1 Cor. 6:19) *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
- (2 Tim. 1:14) *That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*



# Work

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- Intercession.
  - The Holy Spirit intercedes to God the Father for us.
  - Many times we don't know how to pray to God through Christ as we should.

# Work

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## □ Intercession.

### ■ Many times we don't know how to pray:

- David considered “ancient times” and became troubled. He said in the 77th Psalm: *I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.*



# Work

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## □ Intercession.

- Our words in prayer sounds like the chattering of a “crane” or “swallow: (Isa. 38:14) *Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.*



# Work

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## □ Intercession.

- The Holy Spirit intercedes to God the Father for us.

- (Rom 8:26 -27) *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. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession*



# Work

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## □ Creation

### ■ God used the Spirit in the creation of the world

- (Gen 1:2) *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.*
- (Psa 104:30) *Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.*



# Work

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## □ Creation

### ■ In the creation of the first man

- (Gen 1:26-27) *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*



# Work

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## □ Creation

- In the creation of every man (as in the case of Elihu)

- (Job 33:4) *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*



# Work

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## □ Revelation

### ■ In Old Testament Times

- The prophets of old spoke as they were moved by the Spirit - (2Pe 1:20-21) *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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.*
- (2Sa 23:2) *The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.*



# Work

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## □ Confirmation

### ■ Confirming Christ

- (Act 10:38) *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*
- (Mat 12:28) *But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*



# Work

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## □ Confirmation

### ■ Confirming the apostles

- Confirming their message, through gifts given by the Spirit - (Heb 2:3-4) *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*
- As they traveled about proclaiming the gospel of God - e.g., (Rom 15:19) *Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*



# Work

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## □ Regeneration

### ■ As the word was obeyed

- Those who obeyed the Spirit's Word were baptized (Acts 2: 38-41) *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

# Work

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## □ Regeneration

### ■ As the word was obeyed

- In their baptism, they experienced a “washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit”

- *(Tit 3:5-7) 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; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*
- *(1Co 6:11) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*



# Work

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- Regeneration

- Born of the water and the Spirit

- (John 3:5) *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*



# Work

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## □ Sanctification

- Sanctification involves the idea of being "set apart", "consecrated"
- This washing, sanctification, and justification occurred "by the Spirit of our God"

□ In obedience to the Word of God, we are "sanctified" by the Spirit (2Th 2:13) *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

# The Holy Spirit Our Comforter

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- Is Divine
- Has knowledge
- Has a mind
- Loves
- Has a will
- Can be grieved
- Can be blasphemed
- Can be insulted
- Can be lied to
- Can be resisted
- Dwells in Christians
- Intercedes
- Creates
- Reveals
- Confirms
- Regenerates
- Sanctifies

