

The Person of the Holy Spirit

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- *56% of evangelical Christians believe "the Holy Spirit is a divine force but not a personal being."*
- *28% of evangelical Christians believe "the Holy Spirit is a divine being, but is not equal with God the Father or Jesus."*

THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRIUNE GODHEAD

Matthew 28:19 NASB

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

John 15:26 NASB

26 When the **HELPER** comes, whom **I WILL SEND TO YOU FROM THE FATHER,** that is the **SPIRIT OF TRUTH WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER, HE WILL TESTIFY ABOUT ME.**

REGENERATES THE HUMAN SPIRIT

John 3:6-8 NASB

6 **"THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT.**

7 **"DO NOT BE AMAZED THAT I SAID TO YOU, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.'**

8 **"THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WISHES AND YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF IT, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT IS GOING; SO IS EVERYONE WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT."**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NASB

17 **THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE; THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME.**

18 **NOW ALL THESE THINGS ARE FROM GOD...**

John 20:20-22 NASB

20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

22 **AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

BAPTIZES AND FILLS THE BELIEVER

Acts 1:4-8 NASB

4 **GATHERING THEM TOGETHER, HE COMMANDED THEM NOT TO LEAVE JERUSALEM, BUT TO WAIT FOR WHAT THE FATHER HAD PROMISED, "WHICH," HE SAID, "YOU HEARD OF FROM ME;**

5 **FOR JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT MANY DAYS FROM NOW."**

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 **BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON (*epi - upon, on, over*) YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH."**

Luke 24:49 NASB

49 **"AND BEHOLD, I AM SENDING FORTH THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU; BUT YOU ARE TO STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED (*endyō - invest with clothing, array, clothe*) WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."**

Acts 5:14-16 NASB

14 **AND ALL THE MORE BELIEVERS IN THE LORD, MULTITUDES OF MEN AND WOMEN, WERE CONSTANTLY ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER,**

15 **TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY EVEN CARRIED THE SICK OUT INTO THE STREETS AND LAID THEM ON COTS AND PALLETS, SO THAT WHEN PETER CAME BY AT LEAST HIS SHADOW MIGHT FALL ON ANY ONE OF THEM.**

16 **ALSO THE PEOPLE FROM THE CITIES IN THE VICINITY OF JERUSALEM WERE COMING TOGETHER, BRINGING PEOPLE WHO WERE SICK OR AFFLICTED WITH UNCLEAN SPIRITS, AND THEY WERE ALL BEING HEALED.**

Acts 6:8-10 NASB

8 **AND STEPHEN, FULL OF GRACE AND POWER, WAS PERFORMING GREAT WONDERS AND SIGNS AMONG THE PEOPLE.**

9 **But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.**

10 **BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE WISDOM AND THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH HE WAS SPEAKING.**

Luke 11:9-13 NASB

9 **"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**

10 **"For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.**

11 **"Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?**

12 **"Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?**

13 **"IF YOU THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM?"**

BRINGS CONVICTION OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE COMING JUDGMENT

John 16:7-11 NASB

7 **"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.**

8 **"AND HE, WHEN HE COMES, WILL CONVICT THE WORLD CONCERNING SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT;**

9 **CONCERNING SIN, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME;**

10 **AND CONCERNING RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER AND YOU NO LONGER SEE ME;**

11 **AND CONCERNING JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE RULER OF THIS WORLD HAS BEEN JUDGED.**

Romans 7:15 NASB

15 **For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I AM DOING THE VERY THING I HATE.**

SEPARATES THE CHILD OF GOD FROM SIN AND EVIL (sanctification)

Galatians 5:16-18 NASB

16 **BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT CARRY OUT THE DESIRE OF THE FLESH.**

17 **FOR THE FLESH SETS ITS DESIRE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH; FOR THESE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT DO THE THINGS THAT YOU PLEASE.**
18 **BUT IF YOU ARE LED** (*ago - lead, bring, to lead by laying hold of, carry*) **BY THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW.**

Romans 8:13-14 NASB

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; **BUT IF BY THE SPIRIT YOU ARE PUTTING TO DEATH THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, YOU WILL LIVE.**

14 **FOR ALL WHO ARE BEING LED** (*ago - lead, bring, to lead by laying hold of, carry*) **BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THESE ARE SONS OF GOD.**

BEARS GODLY FRUIT IN THE SAINTS

Galatians 5:19-24 NASB

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, **OF WHICH I FOREWARN YOU, JUST AS I HAVE FOREWARNED YOU, THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

22 **BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,**

23 **GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL;** against such things there is no law.

24 **NOW THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.**

REVEALS THE HEART, MIND AND WORD OF GOD TO THE BELIEVER

John 14:25-26 NASB

25 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

26 "But **THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT,** whom the Father will send in My name, **HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I SAID TO YOU.**

John 16:12-13 NASB

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but **YOU CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW.**

13 **BUT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, COMES, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH; FOR HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, BUT WHATEVER HE HEARS, HE WILL SPEAK; AND HE WILL DISCLOSE TO YOU WHAT IS TO COME.**

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 NASB

9 but just as it is written, "**THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.**"

10 **FOR TO US GOD REVEALED THEM THROUGH THE SPIRIT; FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES ALL THINGS, EVEN THE DEPTHS OF GOD.**

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? **EVEN SO THE THOUGHTS OF GOD NO ONE KNOWS EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**

GLORIFIES AND BEARS WITNESS TO JESUS

John 15:26 NASB

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **HE WILL TESTIFY** (*martyreō - bear record, witness, give testimony, report*) **ABOUT ME.**

John 16:14-15 NASB

14 **HE WILL GLORIFY** (*doxazō - make glorious, magnify, honor, manifest*) **ME, FOR HE WILL TAKE OF MINE AND WILL DISCLOSE** (*anagellō - declare, rehearse, show, make known*) **IT TO YOU.**

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Acts 4:5-7 NASB

5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

7 When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

Acts 4:13 NASB

13 **NOW AS THEY OBSERVED THE CONFIDENCE OF PETER AND JOHN AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WERE UNEDUCATED AND UNTRAINED MEN, THEY WERE AMAZED, AND BEGAN TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS HAVING BEEN WITH JESUS.**

GUIDES US

Isaiah 30:21 NASB

21 **YOUR EARS WILL HEAR A WORD BEHIND YOU, "THIS IS THE WAY, WALK IN IT," WHENEVER YOU TURN TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT.**

Acts 16:6-7 NASB

6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, **HAVING BEEN FORBIDDEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK THE WORD IN ASIA;**

7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and **THE SPIRIT OF JESUS DID NOT PERMIT THEM;**

Acts 10:17-22 ESV

17 Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision [of the unclean animals] that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate
18 and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there.

19 **AND WHILE PETER WAS PONDERING THE VISION, THE SPIRIT SAID TO HIM, "BEHOLD, THREE MEN ARE LOOKING FOR YOU.**

20 **RISE AND GO DOWN AND ACCOMPANY THEM WITHOUT HESITATION, FOR I HAVE SENT THEM."**

21 And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say."

DWELLS INSIDE THE CHILD OF GOD - IS A CONSTANT COMPANION, COMFORTER, HELPER

John 14:16-17 NASB

16 "I will ask the Father, and **HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, THAT HE MAY BE WITH YOU FOREVER;**

17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, **BUT YOU KNOW HIM BECAUSE HE ABIDES WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU.**

Acts 7:54-60 NASB

54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

55 BUT BEING FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE GAZED INTENTLY INTO HEAVEN AND SAW THE GLORY OF GOD, AND JESUS STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD;
56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."
57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.
58 When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.
59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"
60 THEN FALLING ON HIS KNEES, HE CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "LORD, DO NOT HOLD THIS SIN AGAINST THEM!" HAVING SAID THIS, HE FELL ASLEEP.

Acts 15:28-29 NASB

[The Apostles and Elders to the church in Antioch]

28 FOR IT SEEMED GOOD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO US to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell."

PRAYS THROUGH US, FOR US

Acts 2:1-4 NASB

1 WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE.

2 AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME FROM HEAVEN A NOISE LIKE A VIOLENT RUSHING WIND, AND IT FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING.

3 AND THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE DISTRIBUTING THEMSELVES, AND THEY RESTED ON EACH ONE OF THEM.

4 AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT WAS GIVING THEM UTTERANCE.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 NASB

14 FOR IF I PRAY IN A TONGUE, MY SPIRIT PRAYS, BUT MY MIND IS UNFRUITFUL.

15 WHAT IS THE OUTCOME THEN? I WILL PRAY WITH THE SPIRIT AND I WILL PRAY WITH THE MIND ALSO; I WILL SING WITH THE SPIRIT AND I WILL SING WITH THE MIND ALSO.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 NASB

18 I THANK GOD, I SPEAK IN TONGUES MORE THAN YOU ALL;

19 HOWEVER, IN THE CHURCH I DESIRE TO SPEAK FIVE WORDS WITH MY MIND SO THAT I MAY INSTRUCT OTHERS ALSO, RATHER THAN TEN THOUSAND WORDS IN A TONGUE.

Romans 8:26 NASB

26 IN THE SAME WAY THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS OUR WEAKNESS; FOR WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY AS WE SHOULD, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH GROANINGS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS;

27 AND HE WHO SEARCHES THE HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT IS, BECAUSE HE INTERCEDES FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.

PRESIDES OVER THE ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS

Acts 5:1-11 NASB

1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, "**ANANIAS, WHY HAS SATAN FILLED YOUR HEART TO LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO KEEP BACK SOME OF THE PRICE OF THE LAND?**

4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? **WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVE CONCEIVED THIS DEED IN YOUR HEART? YOU HAVE NOT LIED TO MEN BUT TO GOD.**"

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and **GREAT FEAR CAME OVER ALL WHO HEARD OF IT.**

6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price."

9 Then Peter said to her, "**WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TOGETHER TO PUT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD TO THE TEST?** Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well."

10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 **AND GREAT FEAR CAME OVER THE WHOLE CHURCH, AND OVER ALL WHO HEARD OF THESE THINGS.**

ORDERS AND ORDAINS MINISTRY AND GIFTS

Acts 13:1-3 NASB

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 **WHILE THEY WERE MINISTERING TO THE LORD AND FASTING, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, "SET APART FOR ME BARNABAS AND SAUL FOR THE WORK TO WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM."**

3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NASB

7 But to each one is given **THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT** for the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 **BUT ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT WORKS ALL THESE THINGS, DISTRIBUTING TO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY JUST AS HE WILLS.**

PLACES THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12:18 NASB

18 But now **GOD HAS PLACED** (*tithēmi* - put, set, place, appoint, fix, establish) **THE MEMBERS, EACH ONE OF THEM, IN THE BODY, JUST AS HE DESIRED.**

UNIFIES THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NASB

12 **FOR EVEN AS THE BODY IS ONE AND YET HAS MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH THEY ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO IS CHRIST.**

13 **FOR BY ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY,** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.