BIBLE TOPICS · KNOWING GOD

The Holy Spirit

The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth · God with Us

Third Person
Of the one true God

Comforter
Promised by Jesus

Pentecost
Poured out on the church

Every Believer
Indwelt and sealed

WHO HE IS

The Holy Spirit Is God

The Bible shows the Holy Spirit doing what only God can do and having what only God has.

GOD

Called God

To lie to the Spirit is to lie to God.

ACTS 5:3–4

ETERNAL

The Eternal Spirit

He has no beginning and no end.

"who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God"

HEBREWS 9:14

EVERYWHERE

Everywhere Present

There is nowhere to flee from His presence.

"Whither shall I go from Thy spirit?"

PSALM 139:7

ALL-KNOWING

Knows All Things

He knows even the deep things of God.

"for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10

CREATOR

Gives Life

He made us and gives us breath.

"The Spirit of God hath made me"

JOB 33:4

ONE NAME

With the Father and Son

One name, three Persons.

"in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"

MATTHEW 28:19

KEY VERSE

"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."

John 14:26 (KJV)

The Work of the Holy Spirit Chart

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The Work of the Holy Spirit

What the Spirit does, from His own Word

In the Old Testament · In the life of Jesus · In every believer

In the Old Testament

1 Creation
He moved upon the face of the waters
GENESIS 1:2

2 Gives Life
The breath of the Almighty gives life
JOB 33:4

3 Empowers Servants
Skill for Bezalel, strength for the judges
EXODUS 31:3; JUDGES 6:34

4 Inspires Scripture
Holy men spake as moved by the Holy Ghost
2 PETER 1:21

5 Promises a New Heart
I will put My spirit within you
EZEKIEL 36:27

In the Life of Jesus

6 His Conception
The Holy Ghost came upon Mary
LUKE 1:35

7 His Baptism
The Spirit descended like a dove
MATTHEW 3:16

8 His Ministry
The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me
LUKE 4:18

9 His Cross
Through the eternal Spirit He offered Himself
HEBREWS 9:14

10 His Resurrection
The Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus
ROMANS 8:11

In Every Believer

11 Convicts of Sin
Of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment
JOHN 16:8

12 Gives New Birth
Born of water and of the Spirit
JOHN 3:5

13 Lives Within
Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost
1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

14 Seals and Assures
Sealed unto the day of redemption
EPHESIANS 4:30

15 Teaches and Guides
He will guide you into all truth
JOHN 16:13

16 Prays for Us
He maketh intercession for us
ROMANS 8:26

17 Grows His Fruit
Love, joy, peace, longsuffering
GALATIANS 5:22

18 Gives Gifts
Dividing to every man as He will
1 CORINTHIANS 12:11

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His Names and Symbols

HIS NAMES

Names and Titles of the Holy Spirit

Each name in Scripture shows something of who the Spirit is and what He does.

The Comforter

One called alongside to help and encourage.

"and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever"

JOHN 14:16

The Spirit of Truth

He leads God's people into the truth.

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth"

JOHN 16:13

The Spirit of God

The Spirit who moved at creation.

"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

GENESIS 1:2

The Spirit of Christ

Sent by the Son, He makes Christ known.

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

ROMANS 8:9

The Spirit of Adoption

He makes us know God as our Father.

"but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

ROMANS 8:15

The Spirit of Life

He sets believers free from sin and death.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

ROMANS 8:2

PICTURES IN SCRIPTURE

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

The Bible uses everyday pictures to help us understand the Spirit's work.

DOVE

Gentle and Pure

He came upon Jesus at His baptism.

"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him"

MATTHEW 3:16

WIND

Unseen but Powerful

We cannot see the wind, but we see what it does.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth"

JOHN 3:8

FIRE

Purifying Presence

Tongues like fire at Pentecost.

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire"

ACTS 2:3

WATER

Living Water

He satisfies the thirsty soul.

"But this spake He of the Spirit"

JOHN 7:39

OIL

Anointing

Kings and priests were anointed with oil.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power"

ACTS 10:38

SEAL

Owned and Kept

A seal marks ownership and keeps safe.

"ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise"

EPHESIANS 1:13

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT A GLANCE · PART 4 OF 6

In the Old Testament and in Jesus

BEFORE PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Long before Pentecost, the Spirit was at work in creation, in God's servants and in God's Word.

BEZALEL

Skill to Build

Filled to make the tabernacle.

"And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding"

EXODUS 31:3

GIDEON

Courage to Lead

The Spirit clothed a fearful man.

"But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon"

JUDGES 6:34

DAVID

Anointed King

From the day Samuel anointed him.

"and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward."

1 SAMUEL 16:13

THE PROPHETS

God's Word Spoken

The Spirit spoke through them.

"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and His word was in my tongue."

2 SAMUEL 23:2

ZERUBBABEL

Not by Might

God's work is done in God's strength.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

ZECHARIAH 4:6

THE PROMISE

Poured Out on All

A promise kept at Pentecost.

"I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh"

JOEL 2:28

THE SPIRIT AND THE SON

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus

Isaiah foretold that the Spirit would rest on the Messiah, and the Gospels show it at every step.

Conceived by the Spirit

The Son of God took on flesh.

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee"

LUKE 1:35

Anointed at His Baptism

Father, Son and Spirit all present.

"and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

Led into the Wilderness

Full of the Spirit, He overcame the tempter.

"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan"

LUKE 4:1

Preaching in Power

He read Isaiah 61 in Nazareth.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor"

LUKE 4:18

Casting Out Devils

Proof that God's kingdom had come.

"But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you."

MATTHEW 12:28

Raised from the Dead

The same Spirit will raise believers.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you"

ROMANS 8:11

> *"And the spirit of the 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"*
>
> Isaiah 11:2 (KJV)

In Believers: Work and Fruit

IN EVERY BELIEVER

What the Holy Spirit Does for Believers

Every Christian has the Holy Spirit. Here is what He does in the lives of God's people.

1

Convicts

He shows people their need of Christ.

"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"

JOHN 16:8

2

Gives New Birth

He makes us new creatures.

"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"

TITUS 3:5

3

Lives Within

God makes His home in us.

"and ye are not your own?"

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

4

Assures

He tells our hearts that we belong to God.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"

ROMANS 8:16

5

Teaches

He opens the Scriptures to us.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God"

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14

6

Prays for Us

When we do not know what to pray.

"but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

ROMANS 8:26

FRUIT AND GIFTS

The Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is the character He grows in every believer. The gifts of the Spirit are abilities He gives for serving others in the church.

The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)

1

Love

Seeking another's good, as God loves us.

1 JOHN 4:19

2

Joy

Gladness in the Lord, whatever comes.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

3

Peace

Rest of heart that comes from God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

4

Longsuffering

Patience with people and trials.

COLOSSIANS 1:11

5

Gentleness

Kindness in word and deed.

EPHESIANS 4:32

6

Goodness

Doing what is right and generous.

ROMANS 15:14

7

Faith

Faithfulness: trustworthy and loyal.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

8

Meekness

Strength under God's control.

MATTHEW 11:29

9

Temperance

Self-control in every part of life.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:25

The Gifts of the Spirit

One Spirit, Many Gifts

Every believer is given a gift to serve the body of Christ.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

Lists in Scripture

Teaching, serving, giving, leading, mercy, faith, wisdom, knowledge and more.

ROMANS 12:6–8; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8–10

Given for Others

Gifts are for building up the church, used in love.

"forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

1 CORINTHIANS 14:12

Love is the "more excellent way" that every gift must serve (1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13).

Walking in the Spirit

FOR TODAY

Walking in the Spirit Today

The Holy Spirit is not only to be studied but followed. Here is how Scripture calls us to live by His strength.

1

Walk in the Spirit

Step by step, follow His leading.

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

GALATIANS 5:16

2

Be Filled with the Spirit

Let Him fill and control your life.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit"

EPHESIANS 5:18

3

Do Not Grieve Him

Put away bitterness, anger and evil speaking.

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God"

EPHESIANS 4:30

4

Do Not Quench Him

Do not hold back when He prompts you.

"Quench not the Spirit."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

5

Be Led by Him

God's children follow God's Spirit.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

ROMANS 8:14

6

Ask the Father

God gives the Spirit gladly to His children.

"how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

LUKE 11:13

KEY THEMES

Six Truths About the Holy Spirit

These six truths run through everything the Bible says about the Spirit.

1

He Is God

Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God.

"thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

ACTS 5:4

2

He Is a Person

He teaches, guides and can be grieved.

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

EPHESIANS 4:30

3

He Gives New Life

No one enters God's kingdom without being born of the Spirit.

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

JOHN 3:5

4

He Lives in Believers

Every Christian is a temple of the Spirit.

"know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you"

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

5

He Points to Jesus

The Spirit's work is to glorify Christ.

"He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you."

JOHN 16:14

6

He Gives Power

The Spirit makes believers bold witnesses for Christ.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"

ACTS 1:8