

The Holy Spirit!

Week 1

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

What is the Holy Spirit?

Origins of Holy Spirit

Old Testament (Hebrew)

Ruach (roo'-akh) which means spirit or wind

New Testament (Greek)

Πνεύματο-Pneumatōs which means wind, breath or spirit

What does Breath mean?

Life- Most obvious indication of life is a person breathing.

Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

What does Wind mean? *Hint: What other word begins with Pneum?*

Pneumatics

What kinds of damage can wind do?

Wind means power and at times violent or strong power

If we put these together we get
the picture on what the Holy
Spirit is.

The Holy Spirit is life-giving
Power!

The Holy Spirit is a person in the fullest sense of the word.

Think about it, if He is not a person, then why would the Bible not use the words holy power?

Here are some scriptures that
place the Holy Spirit alongside
other persons

Matthew 28:19

*Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit*

Acts 15:28

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2 Corinthians 13:14

*May the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.*

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

Who is Jesus talking about?

The Holy Spirit

Who was the first advocate?

Jesus

Is Jesus a person?

Yes

The Holy Spirit Thinks

John 16:7-8

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment

The Holy Spirit Thinks

Romans 8:27

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

The Holy Spirit Thinks

1 Corinthians 2: 10-11

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit Makes Decisions

Acts 13:2

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Acts 16:6-7

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

The Holy Spirit Makes Decisions

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

1 Corinthians 12:11

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Holy Spirit Speaks

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Acts 8:29

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

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1 Timothy 4:1

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

The Holy Spirit Teaches

Nehemiah 9:20

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them.

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

The Holy Spirit Teaches

1 Timothy 4:1

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The Holy Spirit Experiences Emotions

Isaiah 63:10

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:30

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

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Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit can be treated like a Person
Lied to-Acts 5:3

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

Tested or tempted-Romans 15:30

Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord?"

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Blasphemed-Romans 15:30

And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

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Insulted-Hebrews 10:29

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

The Holy Spirit Is a Person

1. He Thinks
2. He Makes Decisions
3. He Speaks
4. He Teaches
5. He Experience Emotions
6. He can be Lied To
7. He can be Blasphemed
8. He can be Tempted or Tested
9. He can be Insulted

The Holy Spirit Is a Divine Person

Trinitarian statements which speak of Father, Son and Holy Spirit indicate equality:

Matthew 28:19

John 14:26

2 Corinthians 13:14

Acts 2:32-33

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Romans 8:11

Ephesians 4:4-6

1 Peter 1:2

Luke 3:21-22

Matthew 28:19

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disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit

The Holy Spirit Has Divine Characteristics

Eternal

Hebrews 9:14

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

The Holy Spirit Has Divine Characteristics

Omniscient (Knows all things)

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit Has Divine Characteristics

Omnipresent

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit?

*Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are
there. If I rise on the wings of the
dawn, if I settle on the far side of the
sea, even there your hand will guide
me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

The Holy Spirit Has Divine Characteristics

The Holy Spirit is Called God

Acts 5:1-4

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

The Holy Spirit Is a Divine Person

1. He is part of the Trinity of God
2. He is Eternal
3. He is Omniscient
4. He is Omnipresent
5. He is called God

He Is God!