

# The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

1. **Why is it important for a Christian to learn about the Holy Spirit?**
  - Because He is God and therefore the object of our faith and worship.
  - This is basic to understanding who God is. He accomplishes God's purposes in the believer as well as He is the active person of God, not only in regeneration, but also relating to the believer at all times.
2. **How important is this compared to learning other things about the Christian faith such as the church, prayer, evangelism, etc...?**
  - It is vital to understand because this deals with the nature of God. False teachers will attack here. A misunderstanding here will lead to heresy in many other areas.

## The Holy Spirit is a Person –

1. **Personal pronouns used for Him - John 14:17-** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept **him**, because it neither sees **him** nor knows **him**. But you know **him**, for **He** lives with you and will be in you. NIV
2. **He has a MIND, WILL, and EMOTIONS –** Rom 8:27, 1 Cor 2:10-11, 12:7-11, Acts 13:2, Acts 15:28-29

## The Holy Spirit is God -

1. **He is the third person of the Trinity.**  
See [www.heavenslight.org](http://www.heavenslight.org) - Theology button – **Holy Trinity** link -
2. **The Holy Spirit is spoken of with divine attributes. –**

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| <b>Eternal-</b>     | Hebrews 9:14  |
| <b>Omnipotent-</b>  | Rom 15:19     |
| <b>Omniscient-</b>  | 1 Cor 2:10-11 |
| <b>Omnipresent-</b> | Psalms 139:7  |
| <b>Holy-</b>        | Acts 1:8      |
| <b>True-</b>        | 1 John 5:6    |

## The Work of the Holy Spirit -

1. **Bears witness of Christ. –** Acts 5:32, John 16:12-  
**John 15:26-27 -** 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**, NASU

## The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Salvation & the believer's Life

### 5 general works of the Holy Spirit

1. **Regeneration – Transforms our entire being –**  
Titus 3:5-7, John 3:3-6, 2 Cor 5:17, Eze 36:24-27

**Regeneration** - a sovereign act of God by his Spirit in which the sinner is given the capacities needed to understand, believe, and lay hold of the kingdom of God by faith and granted eternal life. His/her mind, will and emotions are divinely enabled to comprehend sin and righteousness and judgment. His/her spirit is resurrected from its natural dead state, restoring communion with God who is Spirit. It is a fundamental change in the nature of mankind having the very nature and eternal life of God infused into the human soul. At this time the Holy Spirit enters into the being of mankind performing this transformation eternally.

Ezek 36:26-27 - 26 I will give you **a new heart and put a new spirit in you**; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees** and be careful to keep my laws. NIV

## 2. Sealing – He marks us for eternal life -

2 Cor 1:21-22 - 21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 **set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** NIV

Eph 4:30 - 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption.** NIV

Eph 1:13-14 - 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, **you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption** of those who are God's possession-to the praise of his glory. NIV

## 3. Baptizes into the body – Places us into His Body and immerses us into His influence – We are now therefore moved by, led by, sealed, by, indwelt by, and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:14-16, John 16:13-15

1 Cor 12:13 - 13 For we were all **baptized by one Spirit into one body**-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. NIV

## 4. Indwells – We are His dwelling - John 14:17, Rom 8:9-11, 1 Cor 6:19, 2 Tim 1:14

1 Cor 3:16 - 16 Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?** NIV

Eph 2:21-22 - 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a **holy temple in the Lord.** 22 And in him you too are being built together **to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.** NIV

## 5. Anoints - Leads us to truth and understanding –

1 John 2:20 - 20 But **you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.** 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you about all things** and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-just as it has taught you, remain in him. NIV

1 Cor 2:10-13 - 10 but God has **revealed it to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, **that we may understand what God has freely given us.** NIV

John 16:13 - 13 But when he, the **Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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.

## Application -

**Be Filled with the Spirit. When one is filled with God's Spirit he/she will bear the fruit of that Spirit, thus manifesting the character of God's Spirit.**

Eph 5:18 - 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.** NIV

Gal 5:22-23 - 22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. NIV

## Q & A – Anyone?

## Recommended Reading:

John MacArthur – The Silent Shepherd

John Owen – The Holy Spirit