



## Statement of Faith - God – The Holy Spirit

**God the Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit is God, possessing all the characteristics and attributes thereof. The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict men in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate the sinner. The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the body, indwells the believer, and guides the believer into all truth. He instructs and empowers the believer for godly living and service. He is the One who imparts spiritual gifts to the body as He wills for the edification of the body and for various works of ministry in the world. These gifts are to be earnestly desired and practiced in love. (John 14:16-17, 26, 16:7-15, Titus 3:4-6, 1 Cor 6:19, 12:7-13, 1 John 2:27, Acts 1:8)

**The Holy Spirit is God, possessing all the characteristics and attributes thereof.** – It is clear in scripture that the Holy Spirit is God because of numerous references which actually call Him God. For instance, there is only ONE who is “holy.” Therefore if the Spirit is Holy, He must be God.

**Exodus 31:3-4** - 3 And I have filled him with the **Spirit of God** in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, NAS

**Genesis 1:2** - 2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the **Spirit of God** was moving over the surface of the waters. NAS

**Ephesians 4:30** - 30 And do not grieve **the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NAS

Another example would be in Acts where the bible says that Ananias and Spahira have “lied to the Holy Spirit,” and then it says that they have lied to God.

**Acts 5:3-4** - 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.**" NASB

Or yet another where the divine attribute of Omnipresence is assigned to the Holy Spirit in Psalm 139 or in 1 Corinthians 2 Paul assigns the divine attribute of Omniscience to the Holy Spirit...

**Psalms 139:7-8** - 7 Where can I go from **Thy Spirit**? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? 8 **If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.** NASB

**1 Corinthians 2:10-12** - 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.** NASB

Since no other created being possesses divine characteristics such as these, it is clear that we are speaking of the person of God. The Holy Spirit is the person of God.

**The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict men in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate the sinner.** – It is clear from scripture that the role of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ by bringing *revelation to the believer* concerning the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and direction from God for the instruction of believers concerning the divine will.

**John 16:13-14** - 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. 14 "**He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.** NASB

It is also clear that the Holy Spirit is the *revealer of divine truth* in regard to the conviction of sin and righteousness and judgment not to believers only but *also to the whole world*.

**John 16:6-11** - 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 shall 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 behold Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. NASB

It is also clear from scripture that *the Holy Spirit plays the vital role of regeneration* when someone is "born again." This new birth is said to be "of the Spirit" and refers to the work of the Holy Spirit in giving the life. (1 Cor 12:13, Acts 10:44-45, John 6:63, 2 Cor 3:6)

**John 3:5-6** - 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. NASB

**Titus 3:5** - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by **the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.** NASB

Other references to the Holy Spirit giving life include all of human and animal life (Psa 104:30, Job 34:14-15), as well as the One who imparts immortal life to the believers at the resurrection (Rom 8:11). He was also the active agent in the immaculate conception of Christ (Matt 1:18-20, Luke 1:35).

**The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the body, indwells the believer, and guides the believer into all truth.** – The Holy Spirit is the One who is described as "baptizing believers into the body." (1 Cor 12:13) This happened first on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:5, 2:4) and then subsequently happens each time someone is "born again." They receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit at salvation (regeneration), being therefore "born of the Spirit."

**John 14:17**- 17 that is **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and **will be in you** . NASB

**Romans 8:11** - 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you , He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who indwells you.** NASB

**1 Corinthians 6:19** - 19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you** , whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? NASB

The Holy Spirit is the teacher of divine truth to the believer, the One who speaks God's very words to them.

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**He instructs and empowers the believer for godly living and service.** – As the teacher of divine truth, the Holy Spirit is actively involved in divine revelation being the “anointing that teaches you all things.”

1 John 2:27- 27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him. NASB

He is also the One said to empower the believer for service by the imparting of divine grace and strength to fulfill God’s will.

Acts 1:8- 8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon 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. " NASB

Acts 6:8 - 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. NASB

Romans 15:18-19 - 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. NASB

2 Timothy 1:7 - 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. NASB

In fact, the Holy Spirit plays a vital role in “sanctification,” the work of conforming us into the image of Christ on an ever increasing basis.

2 Cor 3:18 - 18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. NASB

**He is the One who imparts spiritual gifts to the body as He wills for the edification of the body and for various works of ministry in the world. These gifts are to be earnestly desired and practiced in love.** – The Holy Spirit is the One in scripture seen to distribute spiritual gifts the body of Christ for His own sovereign purpose and will.

1 Corinthians 12:11 - 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. NASB

This distribution of gifts is said to be done “for the common good” or edification. It is for the building up of the body. Further, this distribution is given to “all persons” in the body as we all have the divine calling of ministry to fulfill.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 - 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 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. NASB

Ephesians 4:11-16 - 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him,

who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according **to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.** NASB

It is clear from scripture that the Holy Spirit distributes these gifts to individual members of the body of Christ for various ministries(1 Cor 12:5) and they are to be eagerly desired(1 Cor 12:31). The instruction as to how these gifts are to be practiced is that they are to be motivated by love(1 Cor 12:31-13:8) with the express purpose of edification to the body(Eph 4:12, 1 Cor 12:7).

**1 Corinthians 12:27-31** - 27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? 30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 **But earnestly desire the greater gifts.** And I show you a still more excellent way. NASB