

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A REAL PERSON

John 14:26; Acts 1:8; 2:2-4

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Introduction: Upon one's belief in Jesus Christ, he/she is immediately filled with the Holy Spirit and is indwelt permanently by His presence. The Holy Spirit seals, the believer, guaranteeing security, giving spiritual abilities, spiritual knowledge, enabling the believer to live the life that God wants him/her to live. The Holy Spirit is a real person.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A PERSONALITY

1. The Holy Spirit has intellect (a mind, thinks, searches, teaches), does things as a person.
- *1 Corinthians 2:10-13; Romans 8:27*
2. The Holy Spirit has emotion and can be grieved by the believer's sin
- *Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 10:29; James 4:5*
3. The Holy Spirit has a will and makes decisions/choices.
- *1 Corinthians 12:11; Acts 16:6-11*

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES THINGS THAT HE WANTS TO DO

1. The Holy Spirit teaches.
- *John 14:26; John 16:13-15*
2. The Holy Spirit bears witness/testifies.
- *John 15:26*
3. The Holy Spirit guides/leads.
- *Romans 8:14*
4. The Holy Spirit performs miracles.
- *Acts 8:39*
5. The Holy Spirit convinces.
- *John 16:7-8*
6. The Holy Spirit restrains.
- *Genesis 6:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7*
7. The Holy Spirit commands and directs believers.
- *Acts 8:29*
8. The Holy Spirit intercedes in the believer's prayers.
- *Romans 8:26*

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE TREATED AS ANY OTHER PERSON IS TREATED

1. The Holy Spirit can be obeyed.
- *Acts 16:6-7*
2. The Holy Spirit can be lied to.
- *Acts 5:3*
3. The Holy Spirit can be resisted.
- *Acts 7:51*

4. The Holy Spirit can be blasphemed.
- *Matthew 12:31*
5. The Holy Spirit can be grieved.
- *Ephesians 4:30*
6. The Holy Spirit can be insulted.
- *Hebrews 10:29*

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A "PART" OF GOD

1. The titles of the Holy Spirit prove that He is a part of the God-head.
- *Acts 5:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:21-22*
2. The attributes of the Holy Spirit prove that He is a part of the God-head.
 - He is omniscient. - *1 Corinthians 2:10-11*- Who but God could understand the thoughts of God?
 - He is omnipotent - *Luke 1:35; Romans 15:19; John 16:8-11; 3:5-8; Matthew 19:16-25*
 - He is omnipresent - *Psalms 139:7-10*
 - He is eternal - *Hebrews 9:14; Matthew 4:1; 12:18-28*
3. The works of the Holy Spirit prove that He is a part of the God-head.
 - He was involved in the creation of all things - *Genesis 1:1; Psalm 104:30*
 - He inspired the Holy Scriptures - *2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21*
 - He is involved in regeneration, sanctification and illuminating God's Word.
- *John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5; Romans 8:11; Ephesians 3:16-19*
4. The Holy Spirit is identified with God in the Old and New Testaments.
 - He is named in the Great Commission - *Matthew 28:19*
 - He is named in Paul's prayers - *2 Corinthians 13:14*
 - He is associated with spiritual gifts given to believers - *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS PROMISED TO COME AND STAY

1. The Holy Spirit was promised to come and stay one day - *Ezekiel 36:24-27; 37:14; Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28-29; John 7:37-39; 14:16; Acts 1:4-8*
2. The promise of the Holy Spirit's coming to stay was fulfilled - *Acts 2:1-4; 14:17; 10:44-45; 11:15-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; Galatians 5:5*

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A MINISTRY AND PURPOSE FOR STAYING

1. The Holy Spirit is to represent Jesus Christ - *John 16:13-15; Ephesians 3:16-19; Galatians 5:16-25*
2. The Holy Spirit is the believer's power and enabler of the believer to live the Christian life God wants.
- *Galatians 4:19; 5:15; John 14:16-20*
3. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in today's time is Christ-centered - *John 14:16-20; 7:37-39; 15:26; John 14:16; 26; 15:26; 16:7-15*

VII. THE WORK THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES

1. Believers are commanded to "be filled with the Spirit" and to "walk by the Spirit..."
- *Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16; 25*

2. Believers are commanded to not "grieve the Spirit" or to "quench the Spirit.."
 - ***Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19***
3. The Holy Spirit brings change into the believer's life.
 - He seals the believer - ***2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14***
 - He anoints the believer - ***1 John 2:20; 27***
 - He is a pledge (down payment) that God will fulfill His promises to the believer that his/her salvation will be fulfilled - ***2 Corinthians 1:21-22***
 - He enables the believer to do and live as God wants - ***John 14:16:26; 16:7***
4. The Holy Spirit does things in all parts of the believer's life.
 - He convicts people about Jesus Christ - ***John 16:8-11***
 - He keeps back sin - ***2 Thessalonians 2:6-7***
 - He regenerates the believer into a new life - ***Titus 3:5***
 - He baptizes the believer into Jesus Christ - ***1 Corinthians 12:13***
 - He empowers the believer to live as Jesus would as the believer submits to Him - ***Galatians 4:19; Galatians 5:5; 16-23***
 - He promotes spiritual growth and maturity - ***Galatians 3:1-3***
 - He helps the believer understand the Word of God - ***John 14:16; Ephesians 3:16-18***
 - He applies truth to the believer's daily experiences - ***Romans 8:16***
 - He gives power to the believer in his/her prayer life - ***Jude 20; John 15:7; Psalm 66:18***
 - He gives ability, conviction and direction when the believer witnesses - ***Acts 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:5***
 - He gives gifts for the believer to minister for the Lord - ***1 Corinthians 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:10***

CONCLUSION:

1. The Holy Spirit is a part of the God-Head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament times came and went but never stayed permanently with any of God's people, however it was prophesied that one day the Holy Spirit would come and stay.
3. The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus' ascension and has been here ever since.
4. The Holy Spirit convicts people of Jesus Christ, upon their belief in Jesus, He indwells them, brings them into adoption into God's Family as children of God, seals them for eternity and gives them abilities to serve God in various ways, also teaching and guiding as the believer allows.
5. It is necessary for the believer to walk by the Spirit in his/her daily walk, constantly depending upon Him for all things in order to fulfill the life that the Lord Jesus wants the believer to live.