

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Introduction: The Holy Spirit is referred to often in the Bible from the very first book to the last book and even indwells the believers in Jesus. The Holy Spirit came and went, then stayed, empowered, healed, did miraculous things, and is part of the heavenly trinity, being the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Not as much is known about the Holy Spirit as the Father and the Son so what else can we know about the Holy Spirit?

I. THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The importance of His personality.
 - *John 16:13; Acts 13:2* - The Holy Spirit does not speak about Himself.
 - The Holy Spirit is the third part of the God-Head.

2. The personality of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Scriptures.
 - He does things that people do:
 - *John 16:8* - He reproves.
 - *John 14:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 2:27* - He teaches.
 - *Galatians 4:6* - He speaks.
 - *Romans 8:26* - He intercedes.
 - *Galatians 5:18; Acts 8:29; 10:19; 13:2; 16:6-7; 20:23; Romans 8:14* - He leads.
 - *Acts 13:2; 20:28* - He appoints people to service.
 - *John 15:26* - He is subject to appointment Himself.
 - *John 3:6* - He regenerates; *Ephesians 4:30* - He seals the believer; *1 Corinthians 12:13* - He baptizes; *Ephesians 5:18* - He fills the believer.
 - He is affected as a person by other beings.
 - *John 14:16; 26* - The Father sends Him into the world - *John 16:7* - The Son sends Him.
 - *Isaiah 63:10* - People may vex Him - *Ephesians 4:30* - They may grieve Him - *1 Thessalonians 5:19* - People may quench Him - *Matthew 12:31* - People may blaspheme Him - *Acts 5:3* - They may lie to Him - *Hebrews 10:29* - People may disrespect Him - *Matthew 12:37* - They may speak against Him.

3. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with God, the Father and Jesus, the Son.
 - *Acts 28:25-26; Hebrews 10:15-17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Acts 5:34* - He is called God.
 - *Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-11; Hebrews 9:14* - He has the attributes of God.
 - *Job 33:4; Luke 12:11-12; Acts 1:5; 20:25; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2:8-11; 2 Peter 1:2* - He performs the works of God.
 - *Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:19-21* - He is presented by the Scriptures as a personal object of faith. (One to be obeyed and believers experience His power, guidance and instruction.)

II. THE ADVENT (COMING) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The coming of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.
 - *Genesis 41:38; Exodus 31:3; 35:31; Numbers 27:18; Job 33:4; Psalm 139:7; Haggai 2:4-5; Zechariah 4:6*

- The Holy Spirit was involved in the creation of the world.. "***...and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters...***"
 - The Holy Spirit revealed God's will to the prophets. "***...and the Spirit of the Lord was upon me..***"
 - The Holy Spirit inspired the written Scriptures.
 - The Holy Spirit enabled people to serve God, to perform miracles (Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, etc.)
 - The Holy Spirit did not dwell permanently with people until after Pentecost.
2. The coming of the Holy Spirit during the life of Jesus Christ on earth.
- The Holy Spirit was the power by which the God/man was formed in Mary.
 - The Holy Spirit was seen descending upon Jesus as a dove at Jesus' baptism.
 - ***Hebrews 9:14 - "...How much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?..."***
 - People learned about the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ.
 - ***Luke 11:13; John 14:16-17; John 20:22; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4***
3. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- ***John 14:16-26; 7; 16:7-11; Ephesians 4:6; Matthew 6:9; 18:20; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12***
 - The Holy Spirit enlightens people of the fact that the sin of unbelief is the one sin between them and salvation.
 - The Holy Spirit enlightens people of the righteousness of God.
 - Jesus Christ was a living example, an illustration of God's righteousness. The Holy Spirit continues to reveal this to people, but never speaks of Himself.
 - God demands much more than any person can do for him/herself thus eliminating human works as basis for salvation.
 - Righteousness is available by faith in Jesus Christ and when Jesus Christ is received by a person, that person is declared righteous in God's eyes, justified by faith and accepted.
 - ***Romans 1:16-17; 3:22; 4:5***
 - Satan has been judged at the cross and is doomed to eternal punishment.
 - Jesus' work at the cross is finished, judgment has taken place, Satan has been defeated. Salvation is available to all who put their trust in Jesus Christ.
 - It is not necessary to understand all to be saved, but enough to see what a person is in God's eyes and what he/she needs.

CONCLUSION:

1. Today the Holy Spirit regenerates - ***John 3:3-7; 36***
2. Today the Holy Spirit indwells the believer - ***John 7:37-39; Acts 11:15-17; Romans 5:5; 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-10***
3. Today the Holy Spirit seals the believer - ***Ephesians 4:30***
4. Today the Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into Jesus Christ - ***1 Corinthians 12:13***
5. The work of the Holy Spirit will be done when Jesus Christ comes for His Saints.