

# BIBLICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

The Holy Spirit is included in the Godhead, which is made up of 3 distinct persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## **The Holy Spirit has the Characteristics of Personality:**

**The Holy Spirit has a Mind:** Romans 8:27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

**The Holy Spirit has a Will:** 1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**The Holy Spirit has Emotions:** The Holy Spirit grieves: Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Isaiah 63:10 Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

**The Holy Spirit gives joy:** Luke 10: 21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure." 1 Thessalonians 1:6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

**The Holy Spirit can Speak:** Acts 13:1. The Holy Ghost said "Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them".

**The Holy Spirit can Guide and Hear:** John 16:13. He will guide you into all truth. Whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak

**The Holy Spirit Teaches:** John 14:26 But the Counselor, 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.

**He Testifies of Christ:** John 15:26 When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

**He Convicts:** John 16:8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt [Or will expose the guilt of the world] in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

**He Leads:** Romans 8:14 Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

**He Reveals Truth:** John 16:13 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.

**He Strengthens and Encourages:** Acts 9:31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

**He Comforts:** John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

**He Helps Us in our Weakness:** Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

**He Intercedes:** Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

**He Searches the Deep Things of God:** 1 Corinthians 2:11 The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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.

**He Sanctifies:** Romans 15:16 To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**He Bears Witness or Testifies:** Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

**He Forbids:** 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.

**He Can be 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?"

**He Can be Resisted:** Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"

**He Can be Blasphemed:** Matthew 12:31-32 And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

**He Can be Quenched:** 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

## **SPIRIT OF PROPHECY EVIDENCE FOR THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD, THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

1. "We need to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is as much a person as God is a person, is walking through these grounds."—Evangelism, 616 (Manuscript 66, 1899 (Ev 616).

2. "**The Holy Spirit is a person**, for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God . . . "**The Holy Spirit has a personality**, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. **He must also be a divine person**, else He could not search our the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God. "For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.' "—Evangelism, 616-617 (Manuscript 20, 1906).

3. "The Holy Spirit [is] the Third Person of the Godhead."—Testimonies to Ministers, 392.

4. The Father and the Son work through the Holy Spirit, to help people and to accomplish Their objectives throughout the universe. "The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the Third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit."—Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, page 37 (Ev 617).

5. "The work is laid out before every soul that has acknowledged his faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, and has become a receiver of the pledge from the three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."— 6 Bible Commentary, 1074

6. "The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the Third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit."—Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, p. 37 (Ev 617).

7. “The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is His representative.”—Messages to Young People, 55.
8. The Power of God in the Third Person.—The prince of the power of evil can only be held in check by the power of God in the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit.—Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10, p. 37. (1897) {Ev 617.2}
9. He (Christ) determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. {ML 36.3}
10. “Evil had been accumulating for centuries, and could only be restrained and resisted by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.”—Testimonies to Ministers, 392 (Letter 8, February 6, 1896; Series A, No. 10, p. 25; 10 Manuscript Releases, 63).
11. “There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.”—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 63 (Ev 615).
12. “Evil had been accumulating for centuries, and could only be restrained and resisted by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. Another spirit must be met: for the essence of evil was working in all ways, and the submission of man to this satanic captivity was amazing.”—Testimonies to Ministers, 392.
13. “When God’s people search the Scriptures with a desire to know what is truth, Jesus is present in the person of His representative, the Holy Spirit, reviving the hearts of the humble and contrite ones.”—12 Manuscript Releases, 145 (Manuscript 158, 1898).
14. “We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,—and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.”—Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 7, p. 51 (Ev 617).
15. The eternal Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—is involved in the action required to make assurance to the human agent.”—Upward Look, 148.
16. “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, powers infinite and omniscient, receive those who truly enter into covenant relation with God. They are present at every baptism, to receive the candidates who have renounced the world and have received Christ into the soul temple.—6 Bible Commentary, 1075 (Manuscript 27, 1900).
17. “When we have accepted Christ, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit have pledged ourselves to serve God, the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit—the three dignitaries and powers of heaven—pledge Themselves that every facility shall be given to us if we carry out our baptismal vows to ‘come out from among them, and be . . . separate . . . and touch not the unclean thing.’ ”—6 Bible Commentary, 1075 (Manuscript 85, 1901).
18. “Our sanctification is the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit . . . Have you been born again? Have you become a new being in Christ Jesus?—7 Bible Commentary, 908 (Manuscript 11, 1901).
19. “Keep yourselves where the three great powers of heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, can be your efficiency. These powers work with the one who gives himself unreservedly to God. The strength of heaven is at the command of God’s believing ones.”—In Heavenly Places, 176 (Signs, May 10, 1910).
20. “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost supply the power that makes him victorious in every conflict with the prince of darkness.”—6 Manuscript Releases, 167

(Letter 200, December 15, 1902).

21. “The three highest powers in the universe are pledged to labor with those who will seek to save the lost.”—Review, August 12, 1909.

22. “In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, man is laid in his watery grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the water to live the new life of loyalty to God. The three great powers in heaven are witnesses; They are invisible but present.”—6 Bible Commentary, 1074 (Manuscript 57, 1900).

23. “But no distance, no circumstances can separate us from ‘the Comforter.’ Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is there, always a presence, a person connected with heaven,—2 Manuscript Releases, 32 (Letter 89b, March 22, 1897).

24. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He [Christ] would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.”— 14 Manuscript Releases, 23. (Desire of Ages, 669-670, is similar.)

25. “The Holy Spirit comes to the world as Christ’s representative . Counsels to Teachers, 68.

26. “The Holy Spirit, the representative of [the Father] Himself, is the greatest of all gifts.”—Mount of Blessing, 132.

27. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord’s host, comes down to direct the battle.”—Desire of Ages, 352.

28. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.”—Testimonies to Ministers, 506.

29. “Do not forget that you have a Comforter, the Holy

Spirit, which Christ has appointed.—Adventist Home, 350 (Letter 124, 1897).

Regarding the first sense, she believed that “the Eternal Father, the unchangeable one, gave his only begotten Son, tore from his bosom Him who was made in the express image of his person” (RH July 9, 1895).

“He gained in a NEW sense the title of the Son of God” (ST August 2, 1905).

## **WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

Jesus promised His followers that upon His return to Heaven He would send the Holy Spirit to earth to comfort them:

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (John 14:16-17)

One of the main functions of the Holy Spirit is to direct attention to Jesus Christ:

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me (John 15:26)

God the Holy Spirit, in spirit form and invisible to the natural eyes of man, is in the world today. He is active in convicting men of sin, drawing men to Jesus Christ, equipping believers with power for spiritual warfare, guiding them, and testifying of Jesus. The Holy Spirit ministers in many other ways in the world.

## **IS THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD?**

GOD HAS A SPIRIT AND IS ALSO A SPIRIT. OUR SPIRIT IS NOT A PERSON, ITS AN ATTITUDE.

ARE GOOD ANGELS SPIRITS? ARE THEY PERSONS?

ARE EVIL ANGELS SPIRITS? ARE THEY PERSONS?

IS SATAN A PERSON?

SO WHY CAN'T THE LIVING, THINKING, SPEAKING, VOLITIONAL, LOVING HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD BE A PERSON TOO, ALTHOUGH INVISIBLE TO US?

Satan is an exact opposite of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was sent by God to draw men to Himself. Satan is committed to draw men away from God.

<b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>	<b>SATAN</b>	<b>REFERENCES</b>
Spirit of truth	Spirit of Error	I John 4:6
True	A liar	John 14:17; 8:44
Life giving	A murderer	I Corinthians 15:45; John 8:44
Holy	Evil	Romans 1:4; Matthew 6:13
Like a dove	Like a serpent	Matthew 3:16; Revelation 12:9
Our helper	Our adversary	Romans 8:26; I Peter 5:8
Gives utterance	Makes men dumb	Acts 2:4; Mark 9:17
Advocate	Slanderer	John 14:16; Job 1:9-11
Stronger than Satan	Strong armed man	Luke 11:21-22

#### **PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**The Holy Spirit is part of the triune nature of God, but the Holy Spirit also has an individual personality.**

The Bible reveals that the Holy Spirit:

#### **Has a mind:**

And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit... (Romans 8:27)

#### **Searches out the human mind:**

But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (I Corinthians 2:10)

#### **Has a will:**

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. (I Corinthians 12:11)

#### **The will of the Holy Spirit guides believers by denying permission for certain actions:**

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit suffered them not. (Acts 16:6-7)

## **The will of the Holy Spirit also guides believers by granting permission:**

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them. (Acts 16:10)

## **Speaks:**

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. (Acts 8:29) (Acts 13:1)

## **Loves:**

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me. (Romans 15:30)

**Intercedes:** The Holy Spirit intercedes (prays to God) on behalf of believers:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (spoken). (Romans 8:26)

From this list of personality traits you can immediately recognize the important functions of the Holy Spirit in spiritual warfare. The Holy Spirit guides your warfare. He reveals spiritual things that cannot be known naturally. The Holy Spirit speaks the will and words of God to you. He also intercedes for you as you are engaged in spiritual battles.

## **SENSITIVITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

The Holy Spirit has a sensitive nature. This means He has feelings that can be affected by the actions of man. Because of the sensitive nature of the Holy Spirit the Bible warns that we should not lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4), resist the Spirit (Acts 7:51), quench the

Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19), grieve the Spirit (Psalms 78:40 and Ephesians 4:30), insult the Spirit (Hebrews 6:4-6), blaspheme the Spirit (Matthew 12:31-32), or vex the Spirit (Isaiah 63:10). It is important that you do not offend the sensitive nature of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is offended by your actions He will withdraw His presence. You cannot wage effective spiritual warfare without the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit also develops spiritual fruit in the life of the believer. The "fruit of the Holy Spirit" refers to the nature of the Spirit revealed in the life of the believer, spiritual qualities which should be evident in the lives of all Christians. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for power. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is for character in the life of a believer. If you do not develop Christlike character traits then you will become a victim of the forces of evil. Spiritual fruit is evidence of spiritual maturity. Like fruit in the natural world, it is a product which is the result of the process of life. There are two types of spiritual fruit. There is the spiritual fruit of reproduction: Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain... (John 15:16)

There is also the inner fruit of Christlike qualities. These qualities are completely opposite of the fleshly nature of man: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:19-23) Although the power of the flesh was defeated at the cross, as a believer you experience this only to the degree that you practice faith in the finished

work of Jesus. Therefore, to be effective in denying the power of the sinful nature of the flesh, it is necessary that you develop or “put on” the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

### **TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

There are several titles used in the Bible to describe the Holy Spirit. A title is a descriptive phrase which explains a person’s position and/or function. It is important that you know the function of the Holy Spirit as you enter spiritual warfare. Look up the following references in your Bible to study the titles given the Holy Spirit.

#### **The Holy Spirit is called:**

The Spirit of God: I Corinthians 3:16

The Spirit of Christ: Romans 8:9

The Eternal Spirit: Hebrews 9:14

The Spirit of Truth: John 16:13

The Spirit of Grace: Hebrews 10:29

The Spirit of Life: Romans 8:2

The Spirit of Glory: I Peter 4:14

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation: Ephesians 1:17

The Comforter: John 14:26

The Spirit of Promise: Acts 1:4-5

The Spirit of Holiness: Romans 1:4

The Spirit of Faith: II Corinthians 4:13

The Spirit of Adoption: Romans 8:15

### **EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

The Bible uses several emblems to represent the Holy Spirit. An emblem represents something. It is a symbol which has a special meaning. Look up the following references in your Bible. They each use emblems which represent the Holy Spirit:

The dove: John 1:32, Song Of Solomon 6:9

Oil: Luke 4:18, Acts 10:38; Hebrews 1:9

Water: John 7:37-39; Isaiah 44:3

A seal: Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; II Corinthians 1:22

Wind: John 3:8; Acts 2:1-2

Fire: Exodus 3:2; 13:21; Leviticus 9:24; Acts 2:3

The meaning of each of these emblems of the Holy Spirit is explained....

Column One lists some of the attributes of the Triune god. Column Two lists definitions of these attributes, but they are not in correct order. Look at each attribute in Column One. Then find the correct definition in Column Two. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank provided. The first one is done as an example for you to follow.

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| 1. <u>h</u> Eternal  | a. Without flesh and blood            |
| 2. _____ Sovereign   | b. Present everywhere.                |
| 3. _____ Omnipresent | c. Good, kind                         |
| 4. _____ Holy        | d. Highest, supreme power             |
| 5. _____ Infinite    | e. All powerful                       |
| 6. _____ Unchanging  | f. Knows all things                   |
| 7. _____ Benevolent  | g. Sinless                            |
| 8. _____ A spirit    | h. No beginning or end                |
| 9. _____ Omniscient  | i. Does not change.                   |
| 10. _____ Omnipotent | j. Fair and impartial in judgment     |
| 11. _____ Just       | k. Shows mercy to sinful mankind      |
| 12. _____ Merciful   | l. Not subject to natural limitations |

“ . . .Satan will work with all power and “with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10. His working is PLAINLY REVEALED by the rapidly increasing darkness, the multitudinous errors, heresies, and delusions of these last days. Not only is Satan leading the world captive, but his deceptions are leavening the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight.” – {PK 717.1}