

Title: What is God the Holy Spirit? - Part 1: Who He is and What He Does

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Scripture: Assorted Passages

The help Christ has for us today in living the Christian life in this world is the Holy Spirit.

The Personhood of the Holy Spirit:

- Intellect, 1 Corinthians 2:10
- Mind, Romans 8:27
- Emotions, Ephesians 4:30
- Will, 1 Corinthians 12:11

The Holy Spirit does things that a person does:

- Teaches/Counsels, John 14:16
- Bears witness of Jesus, John 15:26
- Guides, John 16:13
- Convicts of sin, John 16:8
- Regenerates, Titus 3:5
- Commands, Acts 13:2

The Scriptures give evidence to the Holy Spirit having attributes that only apply to God: all-knowing, all-powerful, everywhere present, eternal and holy.

The Holy Spirit is involved with and responsible for works of God:

- Creation, Genesis 1:2
- Generating Christ, Matthew 1:20
- Inspiration of Scripture, 2 Peter 1:21
- Regeneration, Titus 3:5
- Intercession, Romans 8:26
- Sanctification, 2 Thessalonians 3:13
- Helping the saints, John 14:16

Works of the Holy Spirit

Baptism of the Holy Spirit – 1 Corinthians 12:13

- There is no such thing as a believer who has not been baptized in the Holy Spirit. It happens at the time of their conversion to Christ.
- When we place our faith in Christ we are baptized or identified with Christ and with other believers. We are identified as being one with them.
- There is always an emphasis on all believers (See 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3; and Galatians 3:27-28).

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit – John 7:37-39; 14:16

- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the work of the Spirit by which He comes and lives in us forever.
- This indwelling takes place at salvation.
- Romans 8:9.
- Even weak and sinning Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Sealing of the Holy Spirit – 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

- God puts the Holy Spirit inside of us to verify and authenticate that we are His.
- It is a permanent act.
- God has secured us with Himself, the Holy Spirit, that He will follow through on His promise to bring us to heaven.

Nowhere in the Bible are we commanded to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, indwelt with the Holy Spirit, or sealed in the Holy Spirit. The reason we are not commanded is because it is not something we do, but something that God does to us one time, permanently, at the time of our salvation. These acts guarantee that you are God's.

Filling of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5:18

- We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- God is telling us to live our lives under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- Sin is a sure sign that we are not filled with the Holy Spirit.
- We cannot possibly live the Christian life with any success or consistency without the filling of the Holy Spirit.