



“The Truth About the Holy Spirit”

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◆ **The Holy Spirit is a** _____

He has _____ (I Cor. 2:10-11; Romans 8:27; I Cor. 2:13)

He shows _____ (Ephesians 4:30)

He has a _____ and uses it to:

- Distribute gifts to the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:11)
- Direct the activities of Christians (Acts 16:6-11)
- Do things only a person can do - pray (Romans 8:26), perform miracles (Acts 8:39), help us (John 14:26) and guide us (John 16:13)

*We know that the Holy Spirit is a person because we can choose to **obey Him** (Acts 10:19-21), **lie to Him** (Acts 5:3), **resist Him** (Acts 7:51), **blaspheme Him** (Matthew 12:31), or **insult Him** (Hebrews 10:29).*

◆ **The Holy Spirit is** _____ (Acts 5:1-4)

He is _____ (Hebrews 9:14)

He is all-_____ (I Corinthians 2:10-11)

He is _____ simultaneously (Psalm 139:7)

He helped create the _____ (Genesis 1:2)

He miraculously _____ Jesus (Luke 1:35)

He imparts _____ life (John 3:8)

He gives _____ to our resurrected bodies (Romans 8:11)

We know that the Holy Spirit is God because He is mentioned in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) and in Paul’s benediction to the Corinthians (II Corinthians 13:14).

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

[17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

[19] The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(over)

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Prayer

Dear Lord, today I am trusting your Spirit to produce in me Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. Lord, I can't produce a list like that with any consistency on my own, so I'm trusting you to empower me.

Amen.

Additional Passages for Study

John 14:15-28 • John 16:5-15 • Acts 19:1-6 • II Corinthians 1:15-24 • Ephesians 4:25-32

Guide to a Quiet Time

1. PRAY.....

Spend a couple minutes asking God to reboot your mind and conscience as you read His Words to you. Thank God for another day of life and tell Him that you will live it for Him. Ask that He would give you wisdom, insight and understanding as you study.

2. READ.... the "Additional passages for study this week"

3. ASK.... these Four Questions (Don't forget to *answer* them!)

- a. What does this say?
- b. Why is this included in the Bible?
- c. What should I do about it?
How do I apply this? Is this a relationship thing, a thought issue, money issue, purity issue, reconciliation issue, work issue, etc.
- d. How can I remember?
Is there something to memorize or write down on a note card, or ask someone to check with you about and hold you accountable?

4. PRAY.....

- a. through the passage you were in
For instance if you were reading through Daniel, you could pray that God would give you the courage and conviction that Daniel had when facing opposition.
- b. through your schedule
Example - people you are going to meet with, things that need to be accomplished, and the decisions that need to be made. If there are temptations in your schedule or celebrations just ask God to go before you that day.
- c. for your relationships
Pray for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances. You could also pray for missionaries, leaders in your church and country.

Heavenly Father, let the light of your Word shine down into the dark places of my heart. Let the promises of Your Word encourage my soul. Let the truth of Your Word reshape my attitudes, and let the wisdom of Your Word guide my decisions.