

Are you a Spirit filled Christian?

Is this a Spirit filled church?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit

- 1. Two fundamental issues**
 - a. The doctrine of the Trinity**
 - b. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God.**

- 2. A Biblical study of the Holy Spirit**
 - a. Old Testament – History and Prophets**
 - b. Gospels – Life and teachings of Christ**
 - c. The Church – formation and early days**

- 3. A Systematic study of the Holy Spirit**
 - a. His work in the unbeliever**
 - b. His work in the believer**
 - c. His work in the Church**

- 4. A review and response**

The Trinity

Dictionary definition

The union of three divine persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in one God.

Athanasian Creed

The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God; and yet there are not three Gods but one God. The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Ghost is Lord, and yet there are not three Lords but one Lord. For as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the same truth to say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

Westminster Confession of Faith

There are three Persons within the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

The Nicene Creed 325 A.D.

We believe in one God, the FATHER Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God, begotten of the Father; that is, of the essence of the Father, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; he suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And in the HOLY GHOST.

But those who say: "there was a time when he was not;" and "He was not before he was made;" and "He was made out of nothing," or "He is of another substance" or "essence," or "The Son of God is created," or "changeable," or "alterable"--they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.

381 A.D.

We believe in one God, the FATHER Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord JESUS CHRIST, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the HOLY GHOST, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. In one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Names and Titles of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Spirit of God (Gen 1;2)**
Spirit of the Lord (Luke 4:18)
Spirit of Our God (1 Cor. 6:11)
Spirit of the LORD God (Isaiah 61:1)
Spirit of your Father (Matt 10:20)
Spirit of the living God (2 Cor. 3:3)
My Spirit (Gen. 6:3)
Thy Spirit (Psalm 139:7)
His Spirit (Num. 11:29)
Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus (Rom 8:11)

- 2. Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9)**
Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:19)
Spirit of His Son (Gal. 4:6)
Spirit of the Lord (Acts 5:9)

- 3. Holy Spirit (Latin, *spiritus*)**
or Holy Ghost (Anglo Saxon)
Spirit of Holiness (Rom 1:4)
Holy One (1 John 2:20)
Eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14)
Spirit of Life (Roman 8:2)
Spirit of Truth (John 14:17)
Comforter (John 14-16)

The Person and Deity of the Holy Spirit

- **The plurality of the Godhead**
 - The use of pleural pronouns**
Gen. 1:26-27; 3:22;11:7; Isaiah 6:8
 - Simultaneous appearance**
Matthew 3:13-17
 - All three mentioned together**
Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 28:18-20
- **The Holy Spirit does the work of God**
 - Creation**
Gen. 1:1; Acts 4:24; Col. 1:16; Job 33:4
 - Inspiration**
2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21
 - Regeneration**
John 3:3-8 with James 1:17-18; Titus 3:5-7 with Eph. 2:4
- **Holy Spirit equated with God**
Acts 5:1-11
- **Holy Spirit dwells in the Temple of God**
1 Cor 3:16-17; Gal. 2:20; John 14:23
- **Holy Spirit has the attributes of God:**
 - Omnipresence – Psalm 139:7**
 - Omniscience – Isaiah 40:13-14**
 - Sovereign power – Acts 1:16**
 - Eternity – Hebrews 9:14**

The Trinitarian economy

The will of the Father is dominant

- < Jesus came to do the will of the Father (John 6:38)**
- < Jesus came to reveal the Father (John 1:14; Heb. 1:1-3)**
- < The Holy Spirit comes from the Father (John 14:26; 15:26)**
- < The Holy Spirit comes from the Son (John 15:26; 16:7)**

The will of the Father is to exalt the Son in salvation

- < The work of God is that we might believe in the Son (John 6:29)**
- < The Son gives eternal life to those given Him by the Father (John 17:2)**
- < The end point is the exaltation of the Son (Phil. 2:5-11; John 17:1, 5)**
- < The Holy Spirit testifies of the Son and exalts the Son (John 15:26; 16:14)**

The distinguishing work of the Godhead

- < Design – Father**
- < Execution – Son**
- < Application – Holy Spirit**

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counsel?”**

**“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen