

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Heb. ruah °elohim "Spirit of God," or ruah , YHWH, "Spirit of Jehovah"; Grk. to pneuma to hagion , "the Holy Ghost," or "the Holy Spirit").

The Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Trinity - Matt 28:19-20 - 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

***Trinity** - "one God in three persons". The three persons are distinct, yet are one

The Holy Spirit played an important part in forming the earth- Gen 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Only Jesus had the Holy Spirit without limits - John 3:31-36 - 31 "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. 33 The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. 34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

Individual Christians get a portion of the Spirit, it works as a whole when we work with others in the Body – 1 Cor 12:11-13 - 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, THEY FORM ONE BODY. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

God said he was going to pour out His Spirit. HE has and still is - Acts 2:17-18 - 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit - Matt 3:11-12 - 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (SEE Mal 3:1-5 7, Mal 4:1-3, 1 Peter 1:5-7)

Acts 1:4-5 - 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is "God in us". –

2 Cor 6:16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "**I WILL live with them and walk among them,** and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

John 14:15-21 - 15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Counselor** to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you.** 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 **Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.** He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." (1 John 3:24 & 1 John 4:13-14)

The Holy Spirit provides different kinds of Spiritual gifts 1 Cor 12:4-7 - 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the **same Spirit.** 5 There are different kinds of service, **but the same Lord.** 6 There are different kinds of working, **but the same God works all of them in all men.** 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Old Testament instances of the Holy Spirit.

- **Builders of the temple** - Ex 31:1-4 ... with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,
- **Seventy Elders** - Num 11:16-17 ...I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.
- **Joshua** - Num 27:18 -, ... "**Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him**
- **The Holy Spirit was given to Saul to lead Israel and taken when he became disobedient**
- **Judges, Kings, Prophets... were also given the Holy Spirit.**

John the Baptist was born with the Holy Spirit to help bring in the New Testament - Luke 1:11-17 - 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. 16 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized - Matt 3:16-17 - 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Holy Spirit guided Christ on what to say and how to say it - John 12:49-50 - 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

How do we get the Holy Spirit?

Let's review when the Holy Spirit was first given - Acts 2:1-18 - When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 **No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:** 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

The Holy Spirit is freely given to us through faith by grace - Titus 3:5-7 - 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

When we are saved, we must stop listening to our sinful nature and only listen to the Holy Spirit who communicates to us through our spirit - Rom 8:12-17 - 12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation — but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children**. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

It seems to say you need to be baptized before you can receive the Spirit- Acts 2:38- 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

...However, here is a case when the Holy Spirit was received while hearing the message of God and before baptism - Acts 10:44-48 - 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 "**Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?** They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

What is the Holy Spirit For?

The Holy Spirit begot the Son of God - Matt 1:20-21 - 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

The Holy Spirit is what makes us true Christians –

Rom 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

- 1 Cor 12:1-3 - Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our stamp to receive eternal life - 2 Cor 1:21-22 - 21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

We will not enter the Kingdom of God unless we have the Holy Spirit - John 3:5-8 - 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

He will be a Comforter that will speak on Jesus - John 15:26-27 - 26 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: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. KJV

The Holy Spirit Intercedes for us for what we really need in line with God's will - Rom 8:26-27 - 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. 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 will at times talk to us - Acts 13:2-3 - 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

(Acts 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 21:11; 1 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 3:7; etc.)

The Holy Spirit 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.

Displays the Power of God through us - 1 Cor 2:1-5 - When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT'S POWER, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

The Powers of the Holy Spirit shown in many forms -Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Empowers us to do what we otherwise we're not able to do alone - Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. NKJV

Holy Spirit protects us - 1 John 5:18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one CANNOT harm him.

The Holy Spirit has many responsibilities through and to us - John 16:5-15 - 5 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 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. 14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Only the Spirit gives life - John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Our conscience is only good when done "In the Holy Spirit"

1 Cor 4:1-4 - So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Rom 9:1 - I speak the truth in Christ — I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—

The Holy Spirit is our ONLY source to understanding Spiritual truths - 1 Cor 2:6-16 - 6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 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. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Simply put...He helps us - Phil 1:19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

He gives us TRUE VALUE with the ability to deal with anything - 2 Cor 4:7-12 - 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

What are the effects of being "Filled" with the Holy Spirit

Full or Filled - pletho (play'-tho); to "fill" (literally or figuratively: (accomplish, full))

Luke 5:26-Fear, Luke 6:11-Madness, Acts 3:10-Wonder, Acts 5:17-Jealousy, Acts 13:45 – Envy, Acts 19:29- confusion

It's up to us to be filled with the Holy Spirit - Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **BE FILLED with the Spirit.**

While being filled with the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness - Luke 4:1-2 - Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

People spoke the Word of God boldly when they were "filled" with the Holy Spirit - Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

People spoke in tongues and prophesied when they received the Holy Spirit - Acts 19:4-7 - 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, rebuked and blinded Elymas - Acts 13:9-12 - 9 Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, was able to see God during his last trial - Acts 7:54-56 - 54 When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

We must Pray fully Spiritual...-Eph 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

ANOINTING

-The Old Testament anointing occurs physically with a substance such as oil, myrrh, or balsam. This New Testament anointing is for everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. It's by the Holy Spirit.

All Christians have the anointing - 1 John 2:20-21 - 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

***The Holy Spirit is for our benefit, strength and protection. HE indwells us for us to access and rely on HIM. This being our "choice" we still have the habit of going against HIM.**

What things do we do that go against the Holy Spirit?

We do things to make the Holy Spirit Grieve - Eph 4:29-32 - 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.** 32 **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

Grieve - lupeo (loo-peh'-o) distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad (cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness).

The Holy Spirit should display attributes in our lives if we allow Him to - Gal 5:22-25 - 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.

If we don't allow HIM to display fruit, it could end up very bad for us - Luke 13:6-9 - 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8 "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

When a Christian lie (especially with the things of God) we lie to God - Acts 5:3-4 - 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? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

Stubbornness is a problem we have which causes us to resist the Holy Spirit - Acts 7:51 "**You stiff-necked people**, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

We tend to stop the Holy Spirit's power in our lives - 1 Thess 5:19-22 - 19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 20 do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21 Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.

Christians' bodies belong to God and become the dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, and must be treated as sacred Sex in ANY way other than how God intended dishonors the Holy Spirit's dwelling place 1 Cor 6:18-20 - 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 **Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body

By destroying your body you reap destruction - 1 Cor 3:16-17 - 16 Don't you know that you yourselves are **God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?** 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for **GOD'S TEMPLE IS SACRED**, and you are that temple.

Saying anything bad about or concerning the Holy Spirit is an unforgivable sin - Matt 12:31-32 - 31 And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but **the blasphemy* against the Spirit will not be forgiven**. 32 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.

***Blasphemy** - blasphemia (blas-fay-me'-ah) vilification (especially against God): (blasphemy, evil speaking, and railing.)

After we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit, if we intentionally keep on sinning, there is no further hope for us - Heb 10:26-31 - 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

10. What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?