

God the Holy Spirit



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Time has only allowed us a glimpse of the extraordinarily wonderful truth about the Triune God...the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...one God in three persons...perfectly reasonable, yet beyond exhaustive explanation...above our thoughts, but logically, consistently able to answer all our thoughts and questions. We have taken a peak at both the Father and the Son—co-equal, co-eternal, and mutually self-existent. Let's now turn to the Holy Spirit—the third person of the Trinity. He is also co-equal, co-eternal, and mutually self-existent within the one and only divine being. More than this, however, is his incredible presence and work in the life of believers. A.W. Tozer once wrote, "The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people" (How To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit by AW Tozer).

Ready? Alright, here we go...

1st The Holy Spirit is God.

- a. He is called God: Acts 5:3,4.

- b. He has the attributes of God.
 - all knowing: 1 Corinthians 2:9-11 (i.e. omniscient)
 - everywhere present: Psalm 139:1-14 (i.e. omnipresent)
 - creator: Job 33:4
 - eternal: Hebrews 9:14
 - self-existent life: Romans 8:2

- c. He does work only God can do.
 - creation: Psalm 104:30
 - regeneration: John 3:1-8

- d. He is equated with Yahweh (God's personal name in the Old Testament).
 - Isaiah 6:8-10: compare with Acts 28:25-27
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34: compare with Hebrews 10:15-17



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2nd The Holy Spirit is a person.

- a. traits of personality
 - intellect: 1 Corinthians 2:10,11
 - emotion: Ephesians 4:30
 - volition: 1 Corinthians 12:11

- b. actions of personality
 - prayer: Romans 8:26
 - speaking: Acts 13:1-3
 - directing: Acts 14:4

- c. related to other persons
 - Father and Son: Matthew 28:19; John 14:16-27
 - Apostles and Elders: Acts 15:22-29
 - Everyone: John 16:8-11
 - Believers: John 14:15-27; Roman 8

Conclusion: Of course, this is merely head knowledge if we leave it here. In fact, it's dangerous head knowledge if simply left here. The Bible says, "*So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin*" (James 4:17). Don't do this. Instead, open your Bible. Read these passages. Hide them in your heart and mind. Keep them stored. Then pray and listen, because the Lord wants to apply them in your life.

For Your Personal Application:

1. Have you never met the Lord Jesus...truly met him...believed in him...received him... accepted his salvation? If not, would you please go back over John 14-16. Especially focus on 16:8-11. If he is "convicting" you of your need, don't turn your back. Instead, turn to him. Talk to him. Ask him to give you knew, everlasting life.

2. Are you certain of your salvation, but struggling with your spiritual growth? Read Romans 8 and John 14, 15, and 16 (especially John 14:15-27; Romans 8:12-17). When we walk with the Holy Spirit (**not** our regenerated spirit, our new creation, our new heart, **but** the third member of the Trinity) and abide in his word (listen, agree, obey, synch up with his truth), the Holy Spirit communicates that truth back to us. In John 14:26, we're told the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us about the word of God treasured in our heart and mind. In Romans 8:14-16, we are taught that those who are led by the Spirit will experience him testifying to our born again spirit that we are children of God. This is precisely the kind of thing Jesus promised in John chapters 14 through 18. It is also exactly what was prophesied by Ezekiel and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 11:14-20; 36:26,27; 37:14). I plead with you...store God's word up in your heart, soul, mind, and spirit...then pray and begin experiencing the evidence of God's presence as the Holy Spirit brings the word to your attention.

