

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

The questions continue to be asked; Who or What is the Holy Spirit? Many cults teach that the Holy Spirit is just a “force” or an “influence.” Other church denominations “overemphasize” the Holy Spirit by elevating Him to a position that He does not seek. What does the bible say about the Holy Spirit?

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

**Acts 5:3-4** First and foremost, the only conclusion that can be reached by these verses is that the Holy Spirit has to be God.

**I John 5:7** Not only does this verse tell us that the Holy Ghost, (Holy Spirit) is one with the Father and the Word, but the previous verse, (verse 6) tells us that the “Spirit is truth” which makes the Holy Spirit equal to or the same as Jesus Christ: (**John 14:6**). Thus the verse tells us “the three are one.”

**John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:7, 8, 13, 14** In these verses we can count over a dozen personal pronouns which are applied to the Holy Spirit. The personal pronouns give evidence that He is a person not just a force or an influence.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE THE CHURCH

**Genesis 1:2; 2:7; Job 33:4** The Holy Spirit was active and instrumental in creation.

**II Peter 1:21** In this verse and many others it is evident that the Holy Spirit is the author of scripture.

**Luke 1:35** In this verse we see the Holy Spirit had part in the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 1:4; 8:11** Comparing scripture we have the proof that the Holy Spirit was involved in the Lord's resurrection.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

**John 15:26** The main reason for the sending of the Holy Spirit is to testify (to give evidence, to prove, to attest) to Jesus Christ.

**John 16:8-11** The word reprove means – to convict, to rebuke, to reprimand. It is the Holy Spirit that reproves people of sin, of righteousness, and judgment.

**Titus 3:5; John 3:5** These verses and others prove that it is the Holy Spirit that does the work of regeneration, (being born again) and births us into the family of God. See 'quicken' in **I Peter 3:18**.

**Ephesians 1:13; 4:30** The word 'sealed' means – to fasten, to close securely. This is God's promise of eternal security. The Holy Spirit seals us, fastens us, and closes us in with Himself giving great security.

**John 16:7** The Holy Spirit comforts us in our afflictions and trials and heartaches.

**Romans 8:26-27** When we do not have the heart and emotion to pray, He prays for us to the Father.

**John 14:26; I Corinthians 2:12-13** The Holy Spirit teaches us God's word and gives discernment.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATIONSHIP

**Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19** Because He dwells in us we are to take care of the Temple of God.

**Ephesians 4:30-32** Our attitude plays an important role in the relationship we have with God's Spirit.

**Galatians 5:16; 22-25** We are commanded to 'walk in the Spirit' and bare the “fruits of the Spirit.”

**I Corinthians 12:4-6; 14:12** One of the great benefits of dwelling with the Holy Spirit is that each of God's children are given a gift or gifts to be used especially in the local church in order to complete and edify other believers within our local assembly.