

The **Person** and **Work** of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit – He is eternally existing Spirit of God. He is the third member of the Triune God. He is co-equal with the Father, and the Son. He was active in the Creation. He brought the humanity of Christ into being by overshadowing the virgin Mary. He overshadowed the human writers to pen down the inspired, and preserved Word of God. He regenerates and indwells sinners at the moment of salvation. He is involved in the believer's sanctification.

Key verse: John 14:16-17 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (v.17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Review: **Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14** – These verses infer the co-equality of the Spirit with the Father, and the Son in Divine activity.

Acts 5:3-4 “*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? (v.4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.*” – First, the Holy Spirit is referred to as God. Second, the Holy Spirit could be lied to, which implies His Personality.

Romans 8:26-27 “*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (v.27) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*” – The Holy Spirit helps, intercedes, searches, and has a mind.

Ephesians 4:30 “*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*” – The Holy Spirit can be grieved meaning He has emotions. He “sealed” (set apart or marked) the believers until the day of redemption. (cf. Ephesians 1:13 – God owns us).

Acts 16:6-7 “*Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, (v.7) After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*” – The Holy Spirit has a will (cf. Acts 13:1-3). He is a Person. He always works or exclusively works through the New Testament Biblical churches.

John 16:7-14 “*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (v.8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (v.9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (v.10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (v.11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. (v.12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (v.13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (v.14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*” – God is Patriarchal – and we need to acknowledge that, and receive that especially in light of our day and age.

1 Corinthians 6:19 “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*” – The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer since Pentecost (Acts 2). He regenerates the believer (**John 3:6** – “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*”). – Many people today never had the born again experience.