

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

## The Deity of the Holy Spirit

There has been much inquiry of late on the subject of the Holy Spirit. In this and other lands thousands of persons have been giving attention to the study of this grand theme. I hope it will lead us all to pray for the greater manifestation of His power upon the whole Church of God. How much we have dishonoured Him in the past! How ignorant of His grace, and love and presence we have been? True, we have heard of Him and read of Him, but we have had little intelligent knowledge of His attributes, His offices and His relations to us.

I fear He has not been to many professed Christians an actual existence, nor is He known to them as a personality of the Godhead. The first work of the Spirit is to give life; spiritual life. He gives it and He sustains it. If there is no life, there can be no power; Solomon says: 'A living dog is better than a dead lion.' When the Spirit imparts this life, He does not leave us to droop and die, but constantly fans the flame. He is ever with us. Surely we ought not to be ignorant of His power and His work. — *Dwight L. Moody - 1881*

### I. The Attributes of God and the Holy Spirit.

#### A. Omniscience (all knowing).

1. God. See *1 Jn. 3:19-20*.
2. The Holy Spirit. See *1 Cor. 2:10-11*.

#### B. Omnipresence (Everywhere present).

1. God. See *Jere. 23:24*.
2. Holy Spirit. See *Psm. 139:7*.

#### C. Omnipotence (All Powerful).

1. God. See *Isa. 37:16*
2. Holy Spirit. See *Acts 1:8*.

## NOTES

1 Jn. 3:19-20: This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 Cor. 2:10-11: but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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.

Jere. 23:24:

Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

Psm. 139:7:

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Isa. 37:16: "O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth

D. Holy (Set apart from all else).

1. God. See *Jn. 17:11*.
2. Holy Spirit. See *Mt. 3:11*.

E. Eternal (Everlasting, without end).

1. God. See *Gen. 21:23*.
2. Holy Spirit. See *Heb. 9:14*.

F. Invisible (Cannot be seen).

1. God. See *Col. 1:15*.
2. Holy Spirit. See *Jn. 3:8*.

G. Truth (Absolute Truth).

1. God. See *Psm. 31:5*.
2. Holy Spirit. See *Jn. 14:16-17*.

II. The Works of God Through The Holy Spirit

A. The Spirit was active in creation.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God (elohim) was hovering over the waters.  
—*Gen. 1:2*.

B. The Spirit working in harmony to create man.

Then God (elohim) said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God (elohim) created man in his own image, in the image of God (elohim) he created him; male and female he created them. - *Gen. 1:26-27*.

C. The Spirit's part in creation emphasized.

How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your

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*Jn. 17:11*:

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name . . .

*Mt. 3:11*:

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

*Gen. 21:33*:

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

*Heb. 9:14*:

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God . . .

*Col. 1:15*:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

*Jn. 3:8*:

The wind (pneuma) 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.”

*Psm. 31:5*:

Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

*Jn. 14:16-17*:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

creatures. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.  
— Psm. 104:24, 30.

D. The Spirit gives life.

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 2 Cor. 3:6

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

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.  
— Rom. 8:10-11

E. God and the Holy Spirit inspired the Bible.  
See *2 Tim. 3:16-17*; *2 Ptr. 1:21*.

F. The Holy Spirit works with the Father and the Son.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.  
— 1 Cor. 12:4-6

III. Scriptures That Say The Holy Spirit Is God

A. A lie to the Holy Spirit is a lie to God.  
See *Acts 5:3-4*.

B. Paul speaks of the Lord as the Spirit.  
See *2 Cor. 3:17-18*.

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2Tim. 3:16-17:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2Ptr. 1:21:

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. Acts 5:3-4: 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? <sup>4</sup> 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.”

2Cor. 3:17-18:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

#### IV. God Deals With Us By The Holy Spirit

- A. We deal with God through Jesus.  
See *Jn. 14:13; Heb. 4:16.*
- B. God deals with us through the Holy Spirit  
See *Rom. 8:16.*
- C. In our unregenerated state we are ruled by our bodies. Our soul and spirit comes in last.
- D. When we are born again, the Holy Spirit takes control and conforms us to the image of Christ.

#### V. Prophecies of His Coming

- A. See Ezekiel 36:27.
- B. See Isaiah 44:3.
- C. See Joel 2:28-29.

#### VI. Question Of The Day

- A. Who raised Jesus from the dead?

1. Jn. 2:19: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jn. 10:17-18: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rom. 8:11: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gal. 1:1: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Acts 2:24: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jn. 14:13:

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Heb. 4:16:

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Rom. 8:16:

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Eze. 36:27: And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Isa. 44:3: For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Joel 2:28-29: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.