

Who is the Holy Spirit? Lesson 1 – The Nature of the Holy Spirit

Introduction:

- We want to carefully examine what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit's _____ and His _____.

1. The Holy Spirit is one of the three _____ of the Trinity.

A. The Holy Spirit has personal _____.

- The Holy Spirit has a _____.

1 Cor 2.12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Rom 8.27 And he who searches hearts knows what is **the mind of the Spirit**, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- The Holy Spirit has a _____.

1 Cor 12.11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually **as he wills**.

- The Holy Spirit has _____.

Eph 4.30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

B. The Holy Spirit is referred to as a _____ person.

John 14.16–17a And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth.

- Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “he” and “him”.

John 16.7–8 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send **him** to you. 8 And when **he** comes, **he** will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

- Jesus describes the Holy Spirit's distinct _____.

John 16.13–14 When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you** into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and **he will declare** to you the things that are to come. **14 He will glorify me**, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

C. The Holy Spirit is _____ as a person.

- The Holy Spirit can be _____.

Ephesians 4.30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- The Holy Spirit can be _____ to.

Acts 5.3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?”

- The Holy Spirit can be _____.

Acts 7.51 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, **you always resist the Holy Spirit**. As your fathers did, so do you.

- The Holy Spirit can be _____.

Matt 12.31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit** will not be forgiven.

D. The Holy Spirit performs _____ that can only be done by a person.

- The Holy Spirit _____.

1 Cor 12.11 All these are **empowered by one and the same Spirit**, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

- The Holy Spirit _____.

1 Cor 2.10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For **the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God**.

- The Holy Spirit _____.

Acts 13.2 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.”

- The Holy Spirit _____.

John 15.26 *“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness** about me.*

- The Holy Spirit _____.

John 14.26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach** you all things and **bring to your remembrance** all that I have said to you.*

- The Holy Spirit _____.

John 16.8 *And when he comes, **he will convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

- The Holy Spirit _____ men’s lives.

Acts 16.6–7 *And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak** the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.***

2. The Holy Spirit possesses the _____ of God.

A. The Holy Spirit is _____ as God is holy.

- The most common description of the Spirit is to call Him “Holy”.

B. The Holy Spirit is God because He is _____.

Hebrews 9.14 *how much more will the blood of Christ, who through **the eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*

C. The Holy Spirit is God because He is _____.

Psa 139.7–11 *Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.*

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

D. The Holy Spirit is God because He knows _____.

Isa 11.2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
the Spirit of **counsel** and might,
the Spirit of **knowledge** and the fear of the LORD.

John 16.13 When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**,

Acts 5.3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"

1 Cor 2.10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. **For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.**

E. The Holy Spirit is God because He has all _____.

Luke 1.35 And the angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.**"

3. The Holy Spirit is clearly _____ as God in Scripture.

A. There are numerous places in Scripture where the words "God" and "Spirit of God" are used _____.

2 Sam 23.2–3 **The Spirit of the LORD speaks** by me;
his word is on my tongue.

3 **The God of Israel** has spoken;
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
When one rules justly over men,
ruling in the fear of God,

Acts 5.3–4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**"

B. _____ Scripture with Scripture clearly identifies the Holy Spirit as God.

- **Example 1:**

Heb 1.1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, **God spoke** to our fathers by the prophets,

2 Pet 1.21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men **spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

- **Example 2:**

Psa 78.17–18 Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebelling against the Most High in the desert.

18 **They tested God** in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.

Isa 63.10 But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

- **Example 3:**

Isa 6.8–10 And I heard **the voice of the Lord saying**, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” 9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

10 Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

Acts 28.25–27 And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “**The Holy Spirit was right in saying** to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: 26 “Go to this people, and say,

“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

27 For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed;
lest they should see with their eyes

*and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'*

4. The Holy Spirit is _____ to be God by other passages of Scripture.

A. Christ could not be called the _____ if the Holy Spirit were not God, because He was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit.

Matt 1.20 *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

B. The Holy Spirit is God and a personal relationship with Him can be _____.

2 Cor 13.14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C. The unpardonable sin is _____ against the Holy Spirit.

Mark 3.29 *but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"*

5. The Holy Spirit is an _____ member of the Trinity.

A. The Holy Spirit is fully and completely God in His _____.

B. The Holy Spirit shares all the same _____ as the Father and Son.

C. The Holy Spirit is worthy of the same honor and _____ as the Father and Son.

Application:

- Since the Holy Spirit is fully and completely God, we should:
 - Love Him
 - Adore Him
 - Sing to Him
 - Exalt Him
 - Praise Him
 - Pray to Him
 - Reverence Him
 - Obey Him