

God, the Holy Spirit

Christian Belief 103-3

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, co-equals with the Father and the Son. He deserves equal respect, praise, and worship.

1. *The Holy Spirit is God*

The Holy Spirit has personality and a divine character; He is God.

a. He has personality

The Holy Spirit has enormous capacity of knowing.

For the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will (Romans 8:27b NLT).

- He knows what is in the mind of the Father and reveals it to your understanding.

The Holy Spirit can exercise His will.

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills (1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV).

- He decides on His own but always in harmony with the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit has emotional capacity.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:30a NKJV).

- He is a Divine Person and can be grieved by your sins (see also Isaiah 63:10).

And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied (Acts 9:31b NKJV).

- He comforts and assures you in your heart (see also 1 Thessalonians 1:5).

The Holy Spirit communicates.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come (John 16:13 NKJV).

- He listens to the Father and guides you to know His will ahead of time.

b. He has a divine character

The Holy Spirit is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient, like God is.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me (Psalm 139:7-10 NKJV).

- He is omnipresent (all-present), can be at all places at the same time like God.

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you" (Luke 1:35a NKJV).

- He is omnipotent (all-powerful), having the same power of 'the Highest'—God.

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:10-11 NKJV).

- The Holy Spirit is omniscient (all-knowing), searches the mind of God.

c. He involved in creation

As the third Person of the Trinity God, equal in nature, power, eternity, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, He involved in the creation.

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2 NKJV).

- The Holy Spirit was moving over the earth at the creation stage.
'The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life (Job 33:4 NKJV).
- 'The Spirit of God' is also called 'the breath of the Almighty', has made us and has given us life (see also Genesis 2:7).

2. *The Holy Spirit speaks in you*

When the Father speaks today, He speaks through the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:20b NKJV).

- The Holy Spirit 'speaks in you' with a gentle voice. The voice of God, the Father, is different. It is extremely powerful and awesome, more than we could take (see Job 37:2, 4-5). It is loud like thundering (see John 12:28-29) and so awesome that the disciples fell on their faces (see Matthew 17:5-6).

The Holy Spirit knows best how God feels and what He thinks.

Also, the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. God can see what is in people's hearts. And he knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for his people in the way God wants (Romans 8:26-27 NCV).

- He allows you to feel the 'deep feelings that words cannot explain' which He has when He speaks to God for you. He also allows you to know what He 'speaks to God for his people in the way God wants'.

a. He confirms or rejects in your conscience

Inner witness is one type of 'deep feelings that words cannot explain'.

My conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit (Romans 9:1b NKJV).

- The Holy Spirit approves and disapproves in your conscience.
Their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them (Romans 2:15b NKJV).
- Inner witness comes as a sense of confirmation or condemnation.
Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us (1 John 5:14 NKJV).
- When you pray correctly, your conscience has a sense of confidence.
Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him (1 John 3:21-22a NKJV).
- On the contrary, you will feel a sense of condemnation or uneasiness.

b. He puts deep stirring into your emotion

Stirring of the heart is another type of 'deep feelings that words cannot explain'.

- 'Sighing (Gk. *stenazo*) in the spirit' is a strong compassion in the heart that moves you to pray with an expectation (see Mark 7:33-34; 8:11-12).
- 'Groaning (Gk. *embrimaom*) in the spirit' is when your heart is painfully moved to take authority against a big problem (see John 11:33, 38; Mark 1:43-44).
- 'Troubled (Gk. *tarasso*) in the spirit' is the godly fear rising from within when you encounter a strong presence of God (see Luke 1:29-30; John 13:21).
- 'Provocation (Gk. *paroxuneto*) in the spirit' is a deep challenge in the heart, moving you to rectify a situation (see Acts 17:16-17).

- 'Constraint (Gk. *sunecho*) in the spirit' is a strong commitment to lay down your life for accomplishing God's purpose (see Acts 18:5-6; 21:13b).

c. **He puts thoughts and words into your mind**

Spiritual thoughts and words are what the Holy Spirit 'speaks to God for us in the way God wants'.

Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words (1 Corinthians 2:13 NASB).

- The Spirit gives 'spiritual thoughts and spiritual words', which are not your own thoughts and words. They are not what you try to see, hear, and imagine (see 1 Corinthians 2:9) but the impressions, thoughts, words, and mental pictures given.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak and He will tell you things to come (John 16:12-13 NKJV).

- 'Truth' is the nature of the Holy Spirit. To hear His voice, be open and do not harden your heart (see also Hebrews 3:7-8). And He will 'guide you into all truth'.

- He will 'tell you things to come' means He instructs progressively, line upon line and precept upon precept guiding you into deeper understandings (see also Isaiah 28:10).

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 things that I said to you (John 14:26 NKJV).

- As you consult Him, the Holy Spirit will help you to recall what you have already learned.

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me (John 15:26 NKJV).

- The Holy Spirit will direct your thoughts and speech when you testify for Jesus.

- He will also convict the hearts of the people you are preaching to (see John 16:7-11).