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## **The Deity of the Holy Spirit**

There is so much confusion about who the Holy Spirit is and what He does.  
Many cults deny that He is a Person and that He is God.  
They try to say that He is just a force or an influence.  
Any group that denies the Godhood of God, is most assuredly a false group.  
The Father is God. Christ is God. The Holy Spirit is God, and there is only one God.

Then we have the Charismatics that put an extreme emphasis on the Holy Spirit, claiming that He does things that would be violation of the Scripture.

The Holy Spirit is God Almighty, equal to the Father and the Son in every respect.

### **We believe the Holy Spirit is divine because:**

#### **A. The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes:**

1. Eternal.

Hebrews 9:14

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

2. Omnipresent.

Psalms 139:7-9

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

3. Omniscient.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:13

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.

4. Omnipotent

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:** therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

5. Holiness.

Luke 11:13

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

": . . the Holy Spirit. . ." The word "holy" is not a noun but an adjective describing His character.

6. Truth.

1 John 5:6

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

### **B. The Holy Spirit does things that only God could do.**

1. Creation.

Job 33:4

4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Genesis 1:2

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

2. Salvation.

1 Corinthians 6:11

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Also the sealing of the Spirit in Eph. 1 :13

Ephesians 1:13

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

3. Giving life.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

4. Author of the new birth.

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

5. Prophecy.

2 Peter 1:21

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

(Bible inspiration)

6. Convincing men of righteousness and of judgment to come,

John 16:8-11.

7. He Indwells Believers and Makes Us His Temple

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the **temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

God dwells in the temple.

Our body is a temple and the Holy Spirit indwells us.

He is God.

### **C. Scripture makes certain strong statements:**

1. In Isa 6:8-10, it says, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying. . ." and Paul referring to this passage in Acts 28 :25-27, says, "Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet."

This identifies "Lord" and "Holy Ghost."

2. In Acts 5 :3-5, the Holy Spirit is called God, ". . . Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost. . . thou hast not lied unto men but unto God."

### **D. Divine couplets**

1. Matt.28:19, the baptismal formula, "... in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

2. II Cor. 13:14, the Benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

3. John 14 :16, "And I [Jesus Christ the Son] will pray the Father [God Himself] and shall give you another Comforter [God the Holy Spirit]."

4. We are taught to pray to the Father, through the enablement of the Spirit, by the name of Jesus Christ, because it is Jesus and His atonement that has given us access to God.

Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:8; 8:26.

5. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, but the same **Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God** which worketh all in all."

6. 1 Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

### **One Truth That We Must Remember:**

#### **The Holy Spirit is distinct from the Father and the Son.**

Some people think that the Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of the Father" or the "Spirit of the Son" and not a separate distinct Person.

Luke 3:21, 22, at the baptism of Jesus, three distinct Persons are in evidence:

(1) God the Father said, "Thou art My beloved Son: in Thee I am well pleased."

(2) God the Son was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan.

(3) God the Holy Spirit descended in bodily shape like a dove.

Matt.28:19, the baptismal formula makes a clear distinction between the three Persons.

John 14:16, the Son prays; the Father sends; the Holy Ghost comes to abide.

Acts 2:33, the Son is exalted to the right hand of the Father; the Father is on His throne; the Holy Spirit is received by the Son and given to the Church.

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate personalities

There is so much more about the Holy Spirit that we could look at, but that would take a series of lessons. The truth I want us to see tonight is that He is God.