

The Nature and Work of The Holy Spirit v2

Lesson 1 The Holy Spirit Is God

Popular errors about the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is an impersonal mysterious divisible force
2. Christians today are empowered by the Holy Spirit just like the apostles were
3. The Holy Spirit must directly operate on the minds of people so they can understand and obey the Word of God
4. Language describing the Holy Spirit's relationship with Christians must always be understood literally

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Some questions we hope to answer in these studies

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?
3. Are Christians baptized with the Holy Spirit?
4. Does He still perform miracles today?
5. Do Christians speak in tongues today?
6. Does He speak directly to Christians today?
7. Does He dwell in Christians today?

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Introduction

- Great interest and confusion surround the subject of the Holy Spirit
- Our study is often distorted by false theories and misguided feelings
- This is not an exhaustive study but one that provides clear teaching on different topics to give a good overview of the nature and work of the Holy Spirit

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Introduction

- Whatever we believe about the Holy Spirit must be based on the Bible, the only source of knowledge we have about Him
- We begin by studying who the Holy Spirit is
- The Bible clearly identifies Him as one of three eternal beings that each have all the qualities of God and work together as one
- Therefore, He is a Divine being not an indefinite mysterious force

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Unreasonable to not believe in God

Psa 14:1 **For the choir director. A Psalm of David.** The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

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It is reasonable to believe in God

- Creation leads us to reasonably believe in the Creator, God
- Revelation also provides reasonable evidence for the existence of God

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Evidence of God from Creation

Psa 19:1 **For the choir director. A Psalm of David.** The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Psa 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.

Psa 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard.

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Evidence of God from Creation

Psa 19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

Psa 19:5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

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Evidence of God from Creation

Psa 19:6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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Evidence of God from Creation

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

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Evidence of God from Creation

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

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Evidence of God from revelation

Isa 44:28 "*It is I* who says of Cyrus, '*He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.*' And he declares of Jerusalem, '*She will be built,*' And of the temple, '*Your foundation will be laid.*'"

Isa 45:1 Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

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Evidence of God from revelation

Isa 45:4 "For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen *one*, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me.

Isa 45:5 "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

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Evidence of God from revelation

Isa 46:9 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

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Evidence of God from revelation

Isa 46:11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned *it*, *surely* I will do it.

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Evidence of God from revelation

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luk 24:46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,

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Two words describing God

- Godhead– Godhood, state of being God, essence of Divine nature, Deity
- Elohim – name for God that is plural, Deity
- The New Testament clearly reveals 3 persons who are Divine, eternal, equally God but performing different roles
- These are God, the Father, Jesus, the Son of God and the Holy Spirit

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Godhead (Godhood, Divine Nature, Deity)

Act 17:29 "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

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Godhead (Godhood, Divine Nature, Deity)

Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

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Elohim (plural) God, Deity

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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The Father is called God

1Co 8:5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

1Co 8:6 yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.

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Jesus is called God

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

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Jesus is called God

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

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The Holy Spirit is called God

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?"

Act 5:4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

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The Holy Spirit Is God

1. It is reasonable to believe in God
2. Words describing God
3. Three persons identified in the Godhead

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Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

- The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit all have the same Divine nature
- Much confusion comes because of misunderstanding of what it means when the Scriptures teach there is only "one" God
- How can there be "one" God and three different persons who possess the Divine nature?

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Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

- Great error – when people think of one God, they think of an absolute one rather than a unified one
- It is clear that when speaking of God, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures speak of a unified one, one in nature, purpose and action

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Examples of unified one in Scriptures

Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

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Examples of unified one in Scriptures

1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

1Co 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

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Examples of unified one in Scriptures

Joh 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

Joh 10:32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

Joh 10:33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God."

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Exo 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exo 3:15 God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

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Joh 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."

Joh 8:57 So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

Joh 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Joh 8:59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Mat 3:16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,

Mat 3:17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

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Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

Joh 16:12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

Joh 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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Joh 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

Joh 16:15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

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Mat 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." 43

Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

Rom 15:30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

2Co 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. 44

Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

Eph 4:4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 45

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1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

1Pe 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. 46

Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

Tit 3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

Tit 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 47

Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one

Tit 3:6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Tit 3:7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. 48

The Holy Spirit is not

1. A mystical unexplainable foggy-like substance that permeates the universe
2. A vague influence or power provided for our needs
3. The mind of the Father or Christ
4. An overwhelming indescribable feeling that is within us
5. The written Word of God

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is one of the three Divine persons possessing all perfect attributes of God
- All that the Father and Son are, He is as well, perfect in every way
- Notice just a few of the attributes of God the Holy Spirit also possesses

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The Holy Spirit is God

Mat 12:28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luk 11:20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

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Omnipresent

Psa 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Psa 139:8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

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Omnipresent

Psa 139:9 If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Psa 139:10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

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Omniscient

1Co 2:10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
1Co 2:11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

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Rom 15:18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,
Rom 15:19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

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