



## God the Holy Spirit: Divine Comforter

We live in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit and it is very important that we know as much about Him as the Word reveals to us. Sound doctrine depends upon a clear understanding of the nature and work of the blessed third Person of the Trinity who dwells in and empowers the Church, the Body of Christ.

### Scripture (NKJV)

**John 16:13-14** 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. **:14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

**Luke 11:13** “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

**2 Cor 3:3** “...clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”

**Gal 4:6** “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

**Ezek 36:27-28** “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. **:28** Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

**John 16:7** “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 depart, I will send Him to you.”

### A. The Personality of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Personal pronouns:** Both Jesus and Paul use personal pronouns to describe the Holy Spirit. *Joh 16:13-14; Eph 1:14*
- 2. Personal characteristics:** The definition of a person is “One possessing intelligence emotion or feeling and will.” The Holy Spirit possess:
  - a. Intelligence:** The Spirit gives the gifts of wisdom and knowledge and Spirit searches the deep things of God. *1 Cor. 2:10-12*
  - b. Emotion and feeling:** The Spirit loves [*Rom 15:30*] and can be grieved [*Isa 63:10; Eph 4:30*]
  - c. Will:** “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” *1 Cor. 12:11*
- 3. Personal actions:** (a) He speaks: *Acts 13:2*. (b) He testifies: *Jn. 15:26*. (c) He teaches: *Jn. 14:26*. (d) He intercedes: *Rom. 8:26-27*. (e) He guides: *Jn. 16:13*. (f) He gives commands and ordains: *Acts 13:2; 20:28*. (g) He works miracles: *Acts 8:39; Rom. 15:19*.

### B. The Names of The Holy Spirit

- 1. Holy Spirit** *Luke 11:13* The Holy Spirit is the most precious gift that our Father in heaven can give us; which He is abundantly willing to impart.
- 2. Spirit of God** *1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16*
- 3. Spirit of Jehovah** *Is. 11:1-2*
- 4. Spirit of the Living God** *2 Cor. 3:3* We are an epistle [a book] written by the Spirit of the Living God.
- 5. Spirit of Christ** *Rom 8:9b; Phil 1:19*
- 6. Spirit of His Son** *Gal 4:6* The Son of God became the son of man that the sons of men may become the sons of God with the privilege of calling God “Abba, Father.”
- 7. Spirit of Holiness** *Rom 1:4*
- 8. Spirit of Truth** *John 14:17; 15:26; 16:3*
- 9. Spirit of Life** *Rom 8:2*
- 10. Spirit of Grace** *Heb 10:29*
- 11. The Eternal Spirit** *Heb 9:14*
- 12. Spirit of Promise** *Eph 1:13; Acts 1:4-5; Luke 24:29; Joel 2:28; Ezek 36:27-28* The Holy Spirit’s empowerment of believers was well anticipated by Jesus, the Father, Ezekiel and Joel.
- 13. Comforter** *John 16:7*
- 14. Spirit of Glory** *1 Pet 4:14*