

The Holy Spirit

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INTRODUCTION

PERSONALITY AND DEITY



Why is it so hard to study?

- The subject is difficult
- The subject is mysterious
- The matter has fallen under contempt and scorn

Why should we study the doctrine of the Holy Spirit?

1. Important to understanding salvation
2. Vital to Christian life
3. See OT/NT relationship
4. To defend it from scorn and error

Names of Spirit

“Holy” – most used in NT (92x)

“Good”

“of God”

“of Christ”

Personality

Argument from Personal Properties

- Wisdom/Intelligence
- Will
- Power

Personality

Argument from His Works

- Teaching (John 14:26)
- Calls to, and oversees the Ministry (Acts 13:2f)
- May be lied to (Acts 5:3)
- May be Blasphemed (Mt. 12:31-32)

Personality

Argument from the Covenant of God

- *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Argument from the Visible Sign

- Baptism of Christ (Matt. 3:16)

Deity of the Holy Spirit

Expressly Called God

- 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 men but to God.**" (Acts 5:3-4)

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Expressly Called God

- Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from **the Lord who is the Spirit**.
(2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

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- I will make **my dwelling** among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. (Leviticus 26:11)
- Do you not know that you are God's temple and that **God's Spirit dwells in you?**
(1 Corinthians 3:16)

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Expressly Called God

- What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make **my dwelling** among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (2 Corinthians 6:16)

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Divine Attributes

- Eternity (Hebrews 9:14)
- Immensity (Psalm 139:7)
- Omnipotence (Micah 2:7)
- Omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10-11; Acts 1:16)