



## The Holy Spirit: Who is He and What Does He Do?

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- "The Holy Spirit" – is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of our Triune God. We have **one** God who is **three** persons. [Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2]
- "Spirit" – in the Old Testament, the Hebrew word is "**ruach**", which means "wind" or "breath" and often points to the divine energy and power that can only be of and from God. In the New Testament, the Greek word is "**pneuma**", which also means "wind, breath, or air"; the invisible force of the Lord's power at work.

**The Big Idea:** We have been saved by and we worship a Trinitarian God. What the Father **plans** for our salvation, the Son **procures** and what the Son procures, the Holy Spirit **applies** to our lives. Understanding who the Spirit is and what He uniquely does is essential for our Christian living.

### John 14:18, 26–28 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

<sup>26</sup> 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 that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

### John 16:7–15 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> 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 go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment**: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he **will not speak on his own authority**, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> **He will glorify me**,

for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Who is The Holy Spirit?

### 1. The Holy Spirit is a Unique **Person** Within the Trinity

- ✓ As a person, He may be **grieved**. [Ephesians 4:30]
- ✓ His work can be **quenched**. [1 Thessalonians 5:19]
- ✓ His will may be **resisted**. [Acts 7:51]
- ✓ There is an Un-Biblical teaching called "**modalism**". This teaches that God takes on different modes from time to time – sometimes Father, sometimes Son, sometimes Spirit.

### 2. The Holy Spirit is **God**

- ✓ He is both co-**equal** and co-**eternal** with the Father and the Son.
- ✓ He is sent by the Father and His work is **never** separate from the person of the Son. Father, Son, and Spirit are in perfect unity, carrying out the will of the Lord.

## What Has the Holy Spirit Done (or, What Is He Doing)?

1. He was the agent of **Creation** [Genesis 1:1-2]
2. He is the essential 3<sup>rd</sup> person of our Triune God and is, therefore a part of our being created in the **image** of God. [Genesis 1:26]
3. He is the agent of the **re-creating**, redemptive work of God in those who are saved. [John 3:5]
4. He is the Author of **Scripture**. [2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21]
5. He is God's **presence** in you and with you. [John 14:16-17]
6. He works in Christians to **transform** our lives, seen in the character of Christ manifest in us that Paul called "the fruit of the Spirit". [Galatians 5:22-23]
7. He gives spiritual **gifts** to those who are saved. [Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4]