

# Introduction to the Holy Spirit

## The Holy Spirit is a Person with the attributes of God

**1 He has knowledge** - 1 Cor 2:11 no one **comprehends the thoughts of God** except the Spirit of God.

**1 He can be grieved** - Eph 4:30 And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God

**1 He has a will** - 1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually **as he wills**.

**2 He (NOT IT) guides, speaks, and reveals the future** - Joh 16:13 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.

**3 He is Omnipresent** - Psa 139:7-8 **Where shall I go from your Spirit?** Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**4 He is eternal** Heb 9:14 ...Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish to God  
**He is God** Act 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** ... **You have not lied to men but to God.**"

## The Holy Spirit is found at the beginning and end of the Bible (today focus on creative)

**He creates a place for God & man to live together and now calls all mankind to COME to that place**

- Gen 1:1-2 ESV In the beginning, **God created the heavens and the earth**. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.
  - **SPIRIT** = (HEB Ruach & GK Pneuma = Breath/Wind → moving)
- Rev 22:17 ESV The Spirit and the Bride say, "**Come.**" And let the one who hears say, "**Come.**" And let the one who is thirsty **come**; let the one who desires **take the water of life** without price.

## Examples of the creative role of the Holy Spirit

**He moved men to speak and write the Holy Scriptures**

- 2Pe 1:21 ESV For no prophecy was **ever produced** by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they **were carried along** by the Holy Spirit.
  - [underlined words same as "rushing" wind in Acts 2 when the Spirit fell on the early church]
  - [*Consider the role of the word in your life - constantly creating, changing, and transforming us*]

**Men are born again - or become a new creation by the Spirit** (*consider how your life has changed*)

- Joh 3:5-7 ESV Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**'"
- 2Co 5:17 ESV 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation...**

**Consider the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, & bestowing of spiritual gifts - these are created in us**

- Act 1:8 ESV But you will **receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- 1Co 12:7-11 ESV **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit** for the common good. 8 For to one is given **through the Spirit** the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge **according to the same Spirit**, 9 to another faith **by the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healing **by the one Spirit**, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered **by one and the same Spirit**, who apports to each one individually as he wills.

**Fruit of the Spirit - created in us by the work of God's spirit** (Consider the character changes)

- Gal 5:22-23 ESV But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.