

Introduction to the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Ruach – Hebrew word for wind, breath, or spirit
- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. // Genesis 1:1-2*
- Pnuema – Greek word for wind, breath, or spirit
- *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. // John 3:8*
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life...who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified. // Nicene Creed
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. // Athanasian Creed
- Helper/Comforter - Paraclete
 - *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. 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. // John 14:16-17*

Is the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament?

- *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. // Job 33:4*
- *When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. // Psalm 104:29-30*
- *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! // Psalm 139:7-8*

- *The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship. // Exodus 31:1-2*
- *But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might. // Micah 3:8*
- *Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. // Judges 14:6*
- *Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. // Nehemiah 9:30*
- *My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. // Haggai 2:5*

Jesus and the Holy Spirit

- *And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. // Luke 1:35*
- *Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." // Luke 3:21-22*
- *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. // Luke 4:1-2*
- *And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. // Luke 4:14*
- *Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." // Luke 4:18-19*
- *But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. // Matthew 12:28*

What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

- Convicts of sin
 - *And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. // John 16:8*
- Guides us in God's truth
 - *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. // John 16:13*
- Points us to Jesus
 - *He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. // John 16:14*
- Changes us
 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. // Galatians 5:22-23*
- Gifts us
 - *Ephesians 4:11-12*
 - *1 Corinthians 12*
 - *Romans 12:6*
- Prays for us
 - *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. // Romans 8:26*
- Creates and Sustains Faith
 - *No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. // 1 Corinthians 12:3*
 - *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. // Small Catechism*
- Empowers us
 - *'You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have*

the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. // Romans 8:9-11

Speaking in Tongues?

- *And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. // Acts 2:3-4*
- *we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God // Acts 2:11*
- *Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. // 1 Corinthians 14:5*
- *But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. // 1 Corinthians 14:28 and 33*