

What The Bible Says About the Holy Spirit...

John 14:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—
¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will beⁱⁿ in you.

Jesus makes this promise to his disciples as he is preparing for the cross and his untimely physical departure from this world. Later in John 16:7 he tells his disciples that it is actually for their benefit that he go in order that the Spirit may come and be with them. The Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us to empower us to live the life God has called us to. The Holy Spirit is not some impersonal force like in Star Wars.

He Is God

- He was present at creation (Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalm 104:30)
- He is omniscient, understands all things (Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12)
- He is omnipresent, ever present (Psalm 139:7-10)
- He is omnipotent, all powerful (Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30; Romans 8:11)
- He distributes and works through spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
- He works alongside the Father and Son (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- He is one with the Father (Ephesians 4:4-6)
- He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14)

He Is A Person

- He can be lied to, resisted, grieved and insulted (Isaiah 63:10; Acts 5:3-4; Acts 7:51; Hebrews 10:29; Ephesians 4:30)
- He is intelligent (Romans 8:27; 1 Corinthians 2:13)
- He has emotion (Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 10:29)
- He has will (1 Corinthians 12:11; Acts 16:6-11)
- He has capacity for relationship (2 Corinthians 13:14)

He Has Specific Roles

- He comforts (John 14:16)
- He teaches and instructs (Nehemiah 9:20; Luke 12:12; John 14:25-26; John 15:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Ephesians 1:17)
- He convicts (John 16:8-11)
- He guides (John 16:13; Acts 11:12; Acts 15:28; Acts 21:4)
- He commissions and empowers believers for ministry (Isaiah 48:16; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31; Acts 13:2; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5; Ephesians 3:16; 1 Timothy 1:6-7)
- He gives us strength to stand against sin (Ezekiel 36:25-27; Romans 8:4; Galatians 5:16; 25)
- He inspires prophecy (Numbers 9:30; Numbers 11:25, 29; 2 Samuel 23:2-3; Acts 21:4; Acts 28:25; 2 Peter 1:21)
- He distributes spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12)
- He is capable of performing miracles (Acts 8:39)
- He intercedes/aids our prayers (Romans 8:26; Jude 1:20)
- He pours out God's love (Romans 5:5; Romans 15:30; Galatians 4:6)