

The Holy Spirit

HIS PERSON

THE FIRST REFERENCE Gen. 1: 1, 2

God = *Elohim* = the plural of *Eloah*, a prolonged version of *El* = “*The Strong One*”
Elohim is used of a plurality of false gods, or magistrates or judges, but especially of God
in the trinity of His Person. In the Hebrew language we have **singular, dual and plural**.
The plural always expresses **three or more**. See also v26; 11: 7; Isaiah 6: 8.

In v2 we have the first reference to the Holy Spirit. He is seen “*moving upon the face of the waters*”. “*Moved*” = *rachaph*, which appears only in here and in **Deut. 32: 11** and **Jer. 23: 9**. In Deut.32: 11 we read, “*As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young...*” The inference seems to be that the Holy Spirit had a very positive part in creation.

THE DISTINCTION OF THE PERSONS OF THE GODHEAD

Matt. 3: 16, 17; 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13: 14

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS THE ATTRIBUTES OF PERSONALITY

Emotions Eph. 4: 30;
Speech Acts 13: 2
Will 1 Cor. 12: 11

THE LORD JESUS BROKE THE RULES OF GRAMMAR TO EMPHASISE THE PERSONALITY OF THE SPIRIT

John 15: 26 Compare Rom.8: 16

SOME OF THE TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“*The Spirit of God*” Rom. 8: 9 = He emanates from God

“*The Spirit of Christ/Jesus Christ*” Rom. 8: 9; Phil. 1: 19 = He produces Christ

“*The Spirit of the LORD [Jehovah]*” Lk. 4: 18 = He empowered Christ for His ministry

“*The Spirit of truth*” John 15: 26; 16: 13 = He reveals Christ and leads into all truth

“*The Spirit of adoption/of His Son*” Rom. 8: 15; Gal. 4: 6 = He brings us into son-ship

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HIS FUNCTIONS

THE DISTINCT ACTIVITIES OF THE GODHEAD

The Father – DESIGN Mk. 13: 32 Acts 1: 7

The Son – IMPLEMENTATION 1 Jn. 4: 14

The Spirit – APPLICATION 1 Pet. 1: 2

Part I - Inspiration

The Holy Spirit functions in at least 5 spheres:-

1. In relation to the Word of God
2. In relation to Christ
3. In relation to the world
4. In relation to the believer
5. In relation to the Church

We will look at these subjects in the same order.

1. In relation to the Word of God – Inspiration

2 Tim.3: 15, 16 v15 “*scriptures*” = *gramma* = “*writings*” v16 “*scripture*” = *graphe* – only used of **holy writings**.

2 Pet. 1: 20, 21

Mk. 12: 36

2 Sam. 23: 1 – 3

Jer. 1: 1, 2; 10: 1; 11: 1 etc.

Ezek. 1: 3

2 Pet. 3: 15, 16 “*the other scriptures*” Notice use of *graphe*

1 Cor. 14: 36, 37

1 Cor. 2: 12, 13

Heb. 7: 1 – 3 There is significance in **the meaning of names, the order of names, details mentioned, and details not mentioned.**

Gal. 3: 16 There is significance in whether a noun is **singular or plural.**

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Part II – In relation to Christ

Matt. 1: 18 – 25;	The Incarnation – The word addressed to Joseph
Lk. 1: 30 – 35	The Incarnation – The word addressed to Mary
Lk. 3: 21, 22	The Anointing – Fulfilment of Isaiah 42: 1 and 61: 1 – 3
Lk. 4: 1, 14	The Vessel of the Spirit
Lk. 4: 1; Jn. 3: 34	Full of the Holy Spirit – Led of the Spirit
Lk. 4: 14	Returned in the power of the Spirit

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Part III – In relation to the world

Read John 15: 18 – 27; 16: 7 – 11

Words translated “World”

Aion This word means “age”. It often speaks of this world in its changing fashions, interests and standards. Rom. 12: 2

Kosmos This word speaks of the world of people *in its unchanging hostility to God*. It has in it the idea of *orderly arrangement*. So that it speaks of the world of people as being **organized and structured** into nations with a recognized leadership.

The world’s condemnation Rom. 3: 19

The world’s antagonism Jn. 7: 7; 1 Jn. 5: 19; Gal. 6: 14

The world’s ruler Jn. 16: 11; 18: 36;

The world’s Saviour Jn. 1: 29; 12: 47 1 Jn. 4: 14;

The work of the Holy Spirit Jn. 16: 7 – 11; 15: 26, 27

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Part IV – In relation to the believer

The New Birth Jn. 3: 5; [1 Pet. 1: 23]

The Indwelling Jn. 14: 16, 17; Eph. 1: 13, 14; 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20

The Filling Eph. 5: 18; Col. 3: 16 – 18

The Divine Teacher Jn. 14: 26; 16: 13 – 15

The Leading of The Spirit Rom. 8: 12 – 14; Gal. 5: 16 – 24

Transformation 2 Cor. 3: 18

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Part V – In relation to the Church

THE CHURCH OF THE DISPENSATION

The baptism in the Spirit Matthew 3: 7 – 12; Acts 1: 4, 5; 2: 1 – 4; 1 Corinthians 12: 13

The gifts of the Spirit 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11

The unity of the Spirit Ephesians 4: 3

THE LOCAL CHURCH

The dwelling place of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17

The fellowship of the Spirit 2 Corinthians 13: 14; Philippians 2: 1

The quenching of the Spirit 1 Thessalonians 5: 19