

The Person, Role, and Beauty of God the Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit *Is a Person*

The Holy Spirit is frequently referred to in the masculine form in the Scriptures. He has emotions. He works, He moves, He rejoices, He saves, He seals, He confirms, and He illumines. Because of these various actions that the Holy Spirit performs, He is not a thing or a force, but He is a Person.

The Holy Spirit *Is God Very God*

The Scriptures reveal that the Spirit of God was present at the creation of the World. The Spirit of God created man upon the earth. The Spirit of God knows the thoughts of God and is everywhere present. So then, the biblical texts reveal that He is fully God.

The Holy Spirit *Is Life and Gives Life*

The Word of God speaks of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Life — or the Spirit who produces life. It is the Spirit who gives life for the flesh profits nothing. None can be regenerated apart from the sovereign and saving work of God the Spirit. The Spirit of God who raised Christ from the dead is the same Spirit of God who gives life to spiritually dead people. Moreover, the Law kills but it is the Spirit who gives life.

The Holy Spirit *Eternally, Constantly, and Unchangingly Indwells Those Whom He Regenerates*

Those who have been regenerated by God and those to whom God has given a new heart have God the Holy Spirit indwelling within them. The fullness of God the Spirit dwells in every one of His saints. He saves them, he seals them, he secures them, he intercedes for them, and he dwells within them. The Spirit of God who indwells His own promises to reside within them until He gives eternal life to their mortal bodies on that final day of glorification.

The Holy Spirit *Sanctifies Those Whom He Regenerates*

Those who live indulging in the sinful patterns of the sinful, fleshly, world are enemies of God and can do nothing whatsoever to please God. However, when God saves a person and the Spirit resides within that believer, he lives in the Spirit and he can thus live a life of righteousness and holiness. All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. It is the Spirit who produces fruit — and thus is involved in the work of sanctification — in the life of the believer. This is why the biblical text refers to Him as the Spirit of holiness.

The Holy Spirit *Seals, Secures, & Glorifies Those Whom He Regenerates*

At the moment of salvation, when the sinner hears the gospel of truth and believes, he is sealed with God the Holy Spirit. This is a certain sealing and an unbreakable sealing because He is called the Spirit of promise. He is in fact the pledge, or the down payment, of the believer's future inheritance in glory. The Spirit lives and dwells in the hearts of all true believers as a promised pledge. Every Christian is to live a sanctified life because he has been sealed by the Holy Spirit for (or unto) the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit *Is Worthy of All Honor, Praise, and Worship*

Because it has been seen that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity and is, thus, fully God very God he is worthy of worship, praise, adoration, and thanksgiving. The early verses of the Bible reveal that the Spirit of God was present and involved in the supernatural act of creation. The prophet Isaiah says that it was the LORD Himself — and the LORD alone — who created the heavens and He is the God who formed the earth and made it. He is the Lord and none else. If the Spirit existed at the creation of the earth and actually played a part in the creation of all things then He is to be identified with God and thus worthy of worship. When the Bible concludes with the command to “worship God” one can only deduce that all are commanded to worship all three members of the Trinity rather than worshipping only one member or two members and thus neglecting another. When the Word of God determines that we worship God we should then worship the one, true God of the Bible — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as eternally existing, co-equal, and co-eternal members of the Tri-Unity.