

# **Doctrinal Statement on The Holy Spirit**

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I believe the Holy Spirit is God Almighty, an eternal, distinct, and equal Person in the Triune Godhead. The Holy Spirit is a Personal Being and not merely God's power, as we see Scripture make a clear distinction between both (Acts 10:38; 1 Cor 2:4). The Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit in personal terms, including ascribing intellect (1 Cor 2:10-11; Rom 8:27), emotion (Eph 4:30; Rom 15:30), and will (1 Cor 12:11; Acts 16:6-11). The Holy Spirit acts as a person, in that He teaches (John 14:26), testifies (John 15:26), leads (Rom 8:14; Acts 16:6-11; Gal 5:18), convicts (John 16:7-8), restrains (II Thes 2:6-7; Gen 6:3; Acts 16:6-7), commands (Acts 8:29), intercedes (Rom 8:27), and sends (Acts 13:4). He can be interacted with personally, in that He can be obeyed (Acts 10:19-21), lied to (Acts 5:3), and blasphemed (Matt 12:31).

The Holy Spirit is called God in the New Testament (Matt 12:31-32; 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 28:25; 2 Cor 13:14; Heb 10:15-17) and Old (Is 6:1-13; Jer 31:31-34). Although He is spirit, He is unique (1 Cor 12:13). The Holy Spirit works to manifest the power of God in the world giving life (Job 33:4), bringing about sanctification (1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13), conveying prophecy (Num 11:25; Zech 7:12; 1 Tim 4:1), restraining evil (2 Thess. 2:7), gifting in service (1 Chron 28:12; Judges 3:10; 6:4; 11:29; Acts 4:8; 1 Cor 3:4), and raising Christ from the dead (Rom. 8:11).

The Holy Spirit is intimately involved in the life of the believer. He is integral in salvation by first convicting (John 16:8-11), and then after belief (Eph 1:13), giving us new life (Titus 3:5; John 3:3). He assures salvation (2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13-14) by perpetually inhabiting all true believers (Rom

8:9) and will enable their mortal bodies to rise from sinful death, having the ability to live a Godly life (Rom 8:9-11). After this enabling, the Spirit proceeds to continually sanctify (make holy) (2 Thess. 2:13) the believer all the days of our life. He is our Comforter (Acts 13:52; Rom 14:17; 1 Thess 1:6), Helper (John 14:16-17), Teacher (1 John 2:20, 27), and Advocate (John 14:16).