

## The Nature and Works of the Holy Spirit

(1 Tim 3:16 KJV) "**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."**

It is with great trepidation that I even attempt a study of the nature and work of the Holy Spirit. I think we must all readily admit that there is far more that we don't and can't know about God than we can know. All our earthly logic concerning man falls apart when speaking of God. The whole purpose of eternity is that "we might know Him."

(John 17:3)," and even then it won't be unto perfection

(Job 11:7 KJV) "**Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"**

Still, God has revealed Himself through His word, and if we are very careful to stick closely to what the Book says and refrain from our own speculations, then we are at least on the path of truth. In doing this study, I simply put in a case-sensitive search for the words "*Spirit or Holy Ghost*." This pulled 220 Old and New Testament verses specifically mentioning the Holy Spirit. I cataloged every verse according to what was being said about the Holy Spirit and came up with the various headings in this paper. This is more of a sorting of verses than a commentary, because I am certainly inadequate for anything more. Still, I have learned much about the role of the Holy Spirit, and I hope this collection of verses may prove helpful to others as well.

Before going on with this endeavor, I think it is wise to avoid a common pitfall in studying any one manifestation of God. We must never forget that we are talking about one God, so naturally we are going to find that what the Book credits to the Holy Spirit is in other verses credited to Christ or the Father. If we constantly bear this in mind, then I think we are more likely to avoid the common error of saying there is only one God, but in practice acting like there are three. The Holy Spirit is God and is inseparable in essence from the Father and the Son, so we should take care to avoid saying any particular attribute belongs *only* to the Holy Spirit.

(Deu 6:4 KJV) "Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD:**"

(Isa 42:8 KJV) "I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

(Mark 12:32 KJV) "And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:"

(Rom 3:30 KJV) "Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith."

(1 Cor 8:6 KJV) "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him."

However, when you talk about the Almighty God Himself and His nature, things are never simple and clear-cut. Although the manifestations of God are emphatically referred to as one, they are also plural at the same time. In Genesis 1:1, it is Elohim (plural) which created (singular) the heaven and the earth. When God created man in Gen. 1:26, He said, "Let us make man in our image..." This is repeated in Gen 3:22,

where God said, “the man has become as one of us, knowing good and evil.” In Gen. 19:24, Jehovah on earth rained down fire and brimstone from Jehovah in heaven. Finally, all through His earthly ministry the Lord Jesus prayed on earth to God the Father. How can God be both emphatically one and yet three? This is just one reason why we have to just take the Word for what it clearly says about God and leave our feeble, earth-bound reasoning out of the equation.

Before beginning to speak of the Holy Spirit, let’s start our collection of verses by stressing again the interchangeability in what is sometimes said of different members of the Godhead. What is said of one person of the Godhead may be attributed to another because it is all one and the same God. Throughout this paper, if I specifically came across verses that attributed a particular trait or work to the Holy Spirit and at the same time another manifestation of God, I tried to include it there. But first, let’s cement the truth of interchangeability of roles at times with the following examples. Who does the Bible say accomplished the resurrection both of Christ and ourselves? Who is it that indwells us as believers?

### **Christ’s resurrection**

#### Christ was resurrected by God the Father

(Eph 1:17-20 KJV) ” That **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,20 **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead**, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”

#### Christ Resurrected Himself:

(John 10:17-18 KJV) ”**Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. {18} No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.”

#### Christ was resurrected by the Holy Spirit:

(Rom 8:11 KJV) ”But if the **Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead** dwell in you, **he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**”

(1 Pet 3:18 KJV) ”For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**”

### **Our Quickening:**

#### Done by the Father:

(John 5:21 KJV) ”**For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**”

Done by the Son:

(John 11:25 KJV) "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

(John 5:25 KJV) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

Done by the Spirit

(Rom 8:11 KJV) "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Done by God:

(Rom 4:17 KJV) "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."

(Eph 2:4-5 KJV) "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, {5} Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

**The Holy Spirit dwells in you / Spirit of Christ dwells in you**

Notice the interchangeability of both Christ and the Holy Spirit in the following verses:

(Rom 8:9-11 KJV) "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. {10} And if Christ be in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. {11} But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Hopefully, having made that point, let's look at what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit, first in the earthly life of Christ, then concerning God's people.

**Works of Holy Spirit concerning Christ Himself****He overshadowed Mary for her to conceive Jesus Christ**

(Mat 1:18 KJV) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

(Mat 1:20 KJV) "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the **Holy Ghost.**"

(Luke 1:35 KJV) "And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

### **He identified Christ as Messiah**

(Mat 3:16-17 KJV) "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit** of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: {17} And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**" (Notice again, it is both the Father and the Holy Spirit that identify the Lord Jesus here.)

(1 Tim 3:16 KJV) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

(John 1:32-34 KJV) "And John bare record, saying, I saw the **Spirit** descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. {33} And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the **Spirit** descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the **Holy Ghost.** {34} And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

(John 8:17-18 KJV) "It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. {18} I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me." (Notice that Christ Himself, Holy Spirit, and God the Father all bore witness of Christ as Messiah.)

(1 John 5:6-8 KJV) "This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the **Spirit** that beareth witness, because the **Spirit** is truth. {7} **For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.** {8} And there are three that bear witness in earth, the **Spirit**, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

(John 15:26 KJV) "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the **Spirit** of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"

### **The Holy Spirit filled Christ and was given to Him without measure in His earthly ministry**

Christ limited Himself on earth to do only what the Holy Spirit directed Him to do. As such, He was the perfect Servant, always doing the will of His Father through the operation and power of the Holy Spirit.

(Luke 4:18 KJV) "The **Spirit** of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

(John 3:34 KJV) "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the **Spirit** by measure unto him."

(John 8:28 KJV) "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as **my Father** hath taught me, I speak these things."

(John 8:38 KJV) "I speak that which I have seen with **my Father**: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father."

(John 10:30 KJV) "I and **my Father** are one."

(John 10:37-38 KJV) "If I do not the works of **my Father**, believe me not. {38} But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him."

(John 15:15 KJV) "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of **my Father** I have made known unto you."

### Works and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit through His people

#### He has spoken through men directly and through Scripture

(2 Chr 24:20 KJV) "And the **Spirit** of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you."

(Ezek 11:5 KJV) "And the **Spirit** of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of them.*"

(Mark 12:36 KJV) "For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool."

(Luke 1:67 KJV) "And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,"

(Luke 12:11-12 KJV) "And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: {12} For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

(Acts 1:16 KJV) "Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus."

(Acts 4:31 KJV) "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled **with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God** with boldness."

(Acts 11:28 KJV) "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar."

(Acts 13:2 KJV) "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the **Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

(Acts 21:11 KJV) "And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, **Thus saith the Holy Ghost**, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles."

(Acts 28:25 KJV) "And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,"

(1 Cor 2:4 KJV) "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the **Spirit** and of power:"

(1 Cor 2:13 KJV) "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

(1 Cor 12:3 KJV) "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

(Eph 6:17 KJV) "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

(1 Tim 4:1 KJV) "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

(Rev 2:7 KJV) "**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**"

(Rev 2:11 KJV) "**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**"

(2 Tim 3:16 KJV) "All scripture is given by inspiration (theopneumo-God breathed) of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

(2 Pet 1:21 KJV) "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Again, before we get too emphatic about it being *only* the Holy Spirit who spoke through Scripture, notice how the next two verses attribute it to the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Christ.

(Mat 10:20 KJV) "**For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.**"

(1 Pet 1:10-11 KJV) "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: {11} Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ** which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of **Christ**, and the glory that should follow."

**He opens the eyes of a person to believe for salvation and continues to teach and impart understanding**

Again, what is said of the Holy Spirit about drawing us to salvation is also said of the Father.

(John 6:44-45 KJV) "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. {45} It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."

(John 6:65 KJV) "And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father."

(1 Cor 2:9-14 KJV) "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. {10} But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. {11} For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. {12} Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. {13} Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. {14} But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

**He indwells every believer and marks them off for salvation. He baptizes us unto salvation and sanctifies us**

(John 3:5-8 KJV) "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. {6} That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the **Spirit** is spirit. {7} Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. {8} The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the **Spirit.**"

Notice in the next two passages how the Holy Spirit is said to dwell in you and within the same verse it says it is the Spirit of Christ- all the same God!

(Rom 8:9-11 KJV) "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man **have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

{10} And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the **Spirit** *is* life because of righteousness. {11} But if the **Spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his **Spirit** that dwelleth in you."

(Gal 4:6 KJV) "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

(1 Cor 6:19 KJV) "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

(Rom 8:16 KJV) "The **Spirit** itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

(Rom 8:23 KJV) "And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body."

(Rom 15:16 KJV) "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the **Holy Ghost**."

(1 Cor 3:16 KJV) "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the **Spirit** of God dwelleth in you?"

(1 Cor 6:11 KJV) "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the **Spirit** of our God."

(2 Cor 1:21-22 KJV) "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; {22} Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the **Spirit** in our hearts."

(2 Cor 5:5 KJV) "Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the **Spirit**."

(Eph 1:13 KJV) "In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that **Holy Spirit** of promise,"

(Eph 2:22 KJV) "In whom ye also are builed together for an habitation of God through the **Spirit**."

(2 Th 2:13 KJV) "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the **Spirit** and belief of the truth:"

(Titus 3:5-6 KJV) "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the **Holy Ghost**; {6} Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;"

(1 Pet 1:2 KJV) "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the **Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

(1 John 3:24 KJV) "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the **Spirit** which he hath given us."

(1 John 4:13 KJV) "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his **Spirit**."

#### **At times, He has given specific direction for His will**

(Acts 8:29 KJV) "Then the **Spirit** said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."

(Acts 13:2 KJV) "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost** said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

#### **At times, He filled believers with a measure of His power for miracles**

For a more detailed analysis many of the next headings, see another study called "The Giving of the Holy Spirit" available on this website.

(Acts 1:8 KJV) "**But ye shall receive power, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**"

(Acts 2:4 KJV) "And they were all filled with the **Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the **Spirit** gave them utterance."

(Acts 2:17-18 KJV) "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my **Spirit** upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: {18} And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my **Spirit**; and they shall prophesy:"

(Acts 8:15-19 KJV) "Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the **Holy Ghost**: {16} (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) {17} Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the **Holy Ghost**. {18} And when Simon saw that through laying on of

the apostles' hands the **Holy Ghost** was given, he offered them money, {19} Saying, **Give me also this power**, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the **Holy Ghost**."

(Acts 8:39 KJV) "And when they were come up out of the water, the **Spirit of the Lord** caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."

(Acts 10:44-46 KJV) "While Peter yet spake these words, the **Holy Ghost** fell on all them which heard the word. {45} And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the **Holy Ghost**. {46} For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,"

(Acts 11:15-17 KJV) "And as I began to speak, the **Holy Ghost** fell on them, as on us at the beginning. {16} Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.** {17} Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?"

(Acts 19:5-6 KJV) "When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. {6} And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the **Holy Ghost** came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

(Rom 15:19 KJV) "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the **Spirit** of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

(1 Cor 12:7-10 KJV) "But the manifestation of the **Spirit** is given to every man to profit withal. {8} For to one is given by the **Spirit** the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same **Spirit**; {9} To another faith by the same **Spirit**; to another the gifts of healing by the same **Spirit**; {10} To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:"

**Even now, the Holy Spirit works in us to allow us to produce fruit and please God. His Spirit in us and its results are in direct opposition to our fleshly nature**

(Rom 8:2-9 KJV) "For the law of the **Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. {3} For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: {4} That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**. {5} For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the **Spirit**. {6} For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. {7} Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. {8} So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. {9} But ye

are not in the flesh, but in the **Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit** of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit** of Christ, he is none of his."

(Rom 8:13 KJV) "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the **Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

(Gal 3:3 KJV) "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the **Spirit**, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

(Gal 5:16-25 KJV) "*This* I say then, Walk in the **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. {17} For the flesh lusteth against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. {18} But if ye be led of the **Spirit**, ye are not under the law. {19} Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, {20} Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, {21} Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. {22} But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, {23} Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. {24} And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. {25} If we live in the **Spirit**, let us also walk in the **Spirit**."

(Gal 6:8 KJV) "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the **Spirit** shall of the **Spirit** reap life everlasting."

(Eph 3:16-20 KJV) "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his **Spirit** in the inner man; {17} That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, {18} May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; {19} And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. {20} Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

(Eph 4:2-4 KJV) "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; {3} Endeavouring to keep the unity of the **Spirit** in the bond of peace. {4} *There is one body, and one **Spirit***, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;"

(Eph 5:9 KJV) "(For the fruit of the **Spirit** *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth:)"

(Col 1:8 KJV) "Who also declared unto us your love in the **Spirit**."

(1 Pet 1:22 KJV) "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the **Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:"

(1 John 4:12-13 KJV) "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. {13} Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his **Spirit**."

### **His Spirit in us confirms our salvation to ourselves and others**

(Rom 8:16 KJV) "The **Spirit** itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

(Rom 8:23 KJV) "And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body."

(Rom 9:1 KJV) "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the **Holy Ghost**,"

### **The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us**

(Rom 8:26-27 KJV) "Likewise the **Spirit** also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **Spirit** itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the **Spirit**, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*."

(Eph 2:18 KJV) "For through him we both have access by one **Spirit** unto the Father."

(Eph 6:17-18 KJV) "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the **Spirit**, which is the word of God: {18} Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the **Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

(Jude 1:20 KJV) "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the **Holy Ghost**,"

### **Of course, it is also Christ who continually makes intercession for us.**

(Rom 8:34 KJV) "Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is Christ* that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh **intercession** for us."

### **The Holy Spirit gives strength, comfort and patience and joy**

(John 14:16-18 KJV) "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; {17} *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. {18} I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*"

(Rom 14:17 KJV) "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the **Holy Ghost**."

(Rom 15:13 KJV) "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the **Holy Ghost**."

(Gal 5:5 KJV) "For we through the **Spirit** wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

(1 Th 1:5-6 KJV) "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. {6} And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with **joy of the Holy Ghost:**"

Christ gives us all these things as well

(John 14:27 KJV) " **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**"

(Phil 4:13 KJV) " I can do all things through **Christ which strengtheneth me.**"

(John 15:11 KJV) " **These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**"

(John 17:13 KJV) " **And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.**"

**He takes the things of Christ and imparts them to us**

(Eph 5:18-20 KJV) "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with (by) the Spirit; {19} Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; {20} Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

**He bonds a linkage between believers**

(Phil 2:1 KJV) "If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,"

**We can do despite, grieve and anger the Holy Spirit with our actions**

(Acts 5:3 KJV) "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?"

(Eph 4:30 KJV) " And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

(1 Th 5:19 KJV) " Quench not the Spirit."

(Heb 10:29 KJV) "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

**Note on the special circumstances of the sin of blaspheming against Holy Ghost**

(Mat 12:24-32 KJV) "But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. {25} And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: {26} And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?**

{27} And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. {28} But if I cast out devils by the **Spirit** of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. {29} Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. {30} He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. {31} Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against the Holy Ghost* shall not be forgiven unto men. {32} And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the **Holy Ghost**, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come."

(Mark 3:28-29 KJV) "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: {29} But he that shall blaspheme against the **Holy Ghost** hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:"

This instance is the only time that a sin is identified as unforgivable. The Pharisees were eyewitnesses to Christ's miracles and attributed them to Satan. He told them that their sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit would never be forgiven. There is no wider application to anyone else at any other time. It is never mentioned again. Paul said that he declared the full truth and in such was free from the blood of all men. If there were an unforgivable sin in our time, God would have certainly made that clear to us. Furthermore, Scripture is replete with assurances that our salvation is secure and cannot be lost.

(Acts 20:26-27 KJV) "Wherefore I take you to record this day, **that I am pure from the blood of all men.** {27} For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

### **To Summarize:**

The Holy Spirit is an invisible manifestation of the one true God. Many of the characteristics that are attributed to the Holy Spirit are also attributed to the Father and/or Christ. The Holy Spirit was intimately connected with the life of Christ on earth. He overshadowed Mary to cause her to conceive the Lord Jesus. He filled Christ without measure during His earthly condescension to enable Him to do the will of His Father. He bears witness that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God. The Spirit also had a large part in His resurrection, but this is attributed to the Father as well as Christ Himself.

For us, the Holy Spirit is the Person behind the inspiration of the Bible and people spoke God's word through His inspiration. He has spoken through men directly and through Scripture. He opens the eyes of a person to believe for salvation and continues to teach and impart understanding. He indwells every believer and marks them off for salvation. He baptizes us unto salvation and sanctifies us. At times, He gives specific direction for His will. Also at times, He has filled believers with a measure of His power for miracles. Even now, the Holy Spirit works in us to allow us to produce fruit and please God. His Spirit in us and its results are in direct opposition to our fleshly nature. He confirms our salvation to ourselves and others. Furthermore, His Spirit makes

intercession for us. He gives strength, comfort and patience and joy. He takes the things of Christ and imparts them to us, and He bonds a linkage between believers.

We can do despite, grieve and anger the Holy Spirit with our actions; however, we cannot lose our salvation based on the sin of Matthew 12:24.

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