



The Spirit of Christ: God the Holy Spirit

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Father!”**



I am using this 1
verse as an excuse
to preach about the
Holy Spirit



Pneumatology

The Study of the Holy Spirit



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Notice how Paul is making a clear distinction between God, the Spirit, and his Son.

It is verses like this and others that caused the early church to conclude God must be Triune in character and nature.



Matthew 28:19

- Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



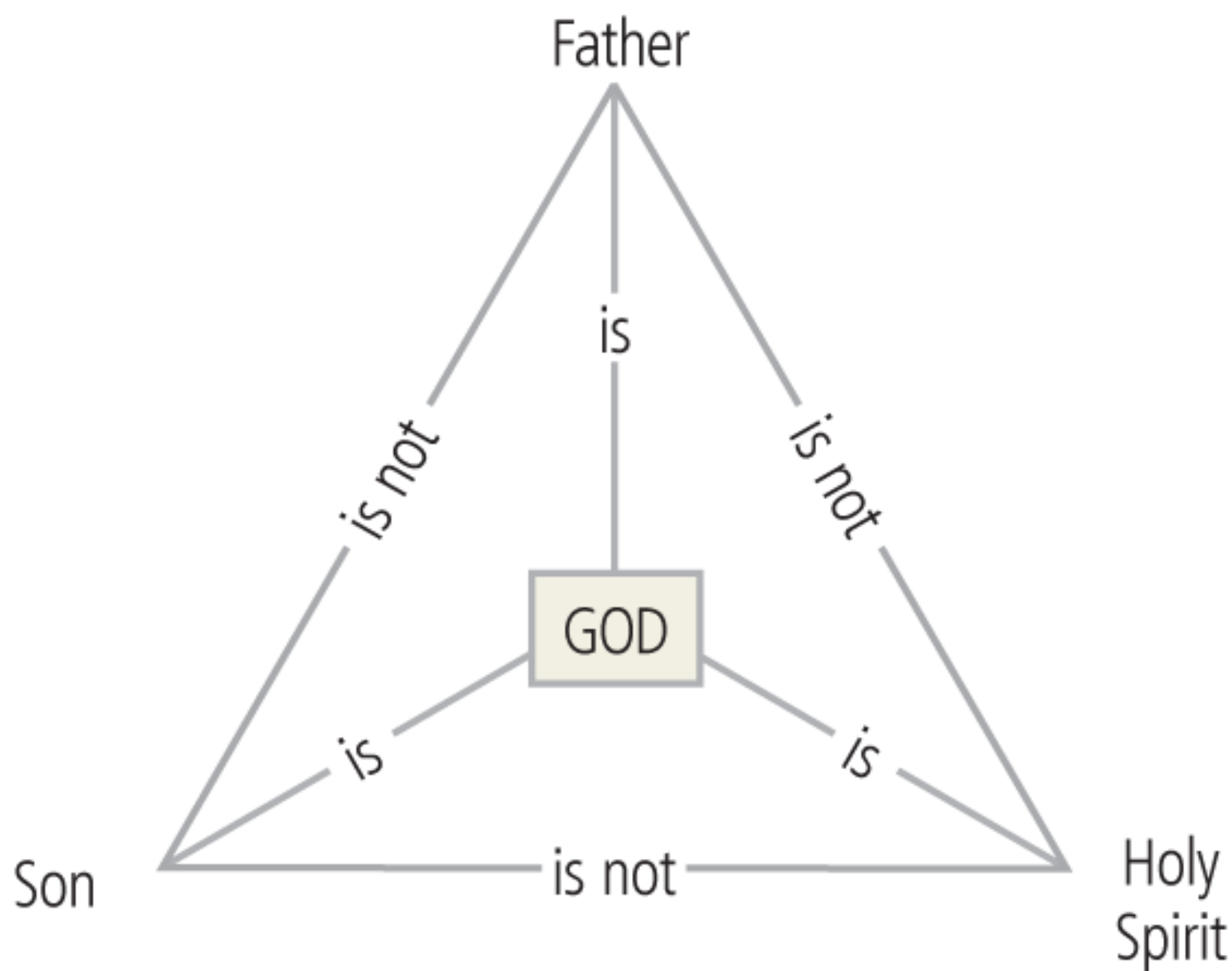
The Holy Spirit is a distinct personal being with definite characteristics. He is not merely an impersonal force or an emanation of the power of God.

The ESV Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 2520.



Romans 8:9

- You, however, are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him.





**Notice how the Spirit of
Christ is distinguished from
Christ in particular in 1 Peter
1:11.**

**They are not the same. And
the Spirit is he.**



1 Peter 1:11

- inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.



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Is the Spirit of God different from the Spirit of his Son?



The Spirit (160x)

Holy Spirit (93x)

Spirit of God (25x)

Spirit of the Lord (Jehovah) 23x (OT) Lord (Kyrios) 4x (NT)

Spirit of truth (4x)

My Spirit (3x)

Spirit of Jesus (2x)

Spirit of Christ (2x)

Spirit of wisdom (2x), counsel and knowledge

Spirit of holiness

Spirit of adoption

Spirit of his Son

Spirit of glory

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of life

Spirit of him

Helper 4x



Romans 1:4

- and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to **the Spirit of holiness** by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,



Hebrews 9:14

- how much more will the blood of Christ, who through **the eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



Acts 5:3–4

- But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not **lied to man but to God.**”



What is the point of the particular language “of his Son” in Gal 4:6?



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The Holy Spirit is
the means whereby
Christ dwells in us.



Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, **but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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The Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—the Spirit of God does not live in this heart. Heart is a reference to the very “you” that make you a person and not an animal. It cannot be pinpointed neurologically.





Ten Things About

The Spirit of God—
the Holy Spirit!

#1



The Holy Spirit was
just as involved in
creating the heavens
and the earth as God
and Christ.



Genesis 1:2

- The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



**Do you believe the third
Person of the Triune God—
the Holy Spirit—created the
heavens and earth?**

But I thought God created the Heavens and the Earth.



God willed it and the Spirit made it happen.

Consider the parallel between all Scripture is God-breathed (2 Tim 3:16) and holy prophets were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21) and creation.

In creation God spoke and the Spirit created what God said.

And the same can be said about the Son since the Spirit is as much the Spirit of Christ as the Spirit of God.

#2



The Holy Spirit is a
source of wisdom,
ability, intelligence,
knowledge and even
craftsmanship.



Exodus 31:3

- and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship,



Ephesians 5:18

- And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,



**Do you desired to be filled
by Holy Spirit to do the will
of the Father and glorify
God?**

#3



The Holy Spirit filled
the prophets &
apostles w/ words
from God and is the
author of Scripture.



John 16:13

- When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.



Acts 28:25

- And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement:
“The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:



2 Peter 1:21

- For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men **spoke** from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.**



**Do you believe the Holy
Spirit inspired the writers of
the Old and New
Testaments to give us the
words of the Bible?**

#4



The Holy Spirit
convicts the world of
sin.



John 16:7–8

- Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, **he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:**



**Has the Holy Spirit ever
convicted you of sin?**

**Is he convicting you of the
sin of unbelief right now?**

#5



The Holy Spirit is the
agent of life and
eternal life in Christ.



Job 33:4

- The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty
gives me life.

Physical Life



Psalm 104:30

- When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.



Matthew 1:18

- Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be **with child from the Holy Spirit.**

Physical Life



John 3:6,8

- That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.
- The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. **So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

Born Again (From Above)



- **Born of the Spirit describes the believers spiritual birth.**
- **The believer goes from being spiritually dead to spiritually alive.**
- **The heart of stone is replaced with a heart of flesh.**



1 Corinthians 12:3

- Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and **no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.**



**Has the Spirit of God
confirmed in your heart the
truth of Christ and your
need for a Savior?**



Titus 3:5

- he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the **washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,**

#6



The Holy Spirit is the
believer's great
Helper!



John 14:16

- And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever,

Comforter, Advocate, Counselor



**Having been told that
Jesus was leaving them, the
disciples' hearts were filled with
sorrow.**

**And Jesus promises them a
παράκλητος **a paraklētos** from
God.**

summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid



- 1. one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate**
- 2. one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor**
 - > of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins
- 3. in the widest sense, a helper, an aid, an assistant**
 - > of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom



John 14:26

- But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things** and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.



Romans 8:14

- For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are sons of God.



Romans 8:26–27

- Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**



**Have you experienced the
comfort that only the Holy
Spirit can provide?**

Is He your LEADER?



Luke 4:1

- And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

#7



The Holy Spirit is the
dispenser of spiritual
gifts.



1 Corinthians 12:8-11

- For to one is **given through the Spirit** the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ **All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.**

Spiritual Gifts

1 Cor. 12:28

Eph. 4:11

Rom. 12:6-8

1 Pet. 4:11

apostle

apostle

prophecy

speaking gifts

prophet

prophet

serving

service gifts

teacher

evangelist

teaching

1 Cor. 12:8-10

miracles

Pastor-teacher

encouraging

wisdom

healing

contributing

faith

helps

1 Cor. 7:7

leadership*

healing

administration*

marriage

mercy

miracles

tongues

celibacy

prophecy

tongues

**And there may be
more gifts than what is
listed here....**

interpretation of tongues

word of knowledge

distinguishing between spirits



What spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit given you?

**How are you using them for the
kingdom of God and the body of
Christ?**

#8



The Holy Spirit
cleanses the believer
from sin and helps
us live holy lives.



1 Corinthians 6:11

- And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



Galatians 5:22–23

- But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



**Are you pursuing
personal holiness in the
power and direction of the
Spirit?**

**Do you know your Bible more
now than 12 months ago?**

#9



The Holy Spirit is the
guarantee of our
eternal inheritance
and adoption into
the family of God.



2 Corinthians 1:22

- and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.



Galatians 4:6

- And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, **crying, “Abba! Father!”**

- Romans 8:15



Ephesians 1:13-14

- In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



**Does the Spirit of Christ
dwell in you?**

**Have you been sealed with
the Holy Spirit?**

#10



The Holy Spirit can
be easily ignored.



Ephesians 4:30

- And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



1 Thessalonians 5:19

- Do not quench the Spirit.



**When was the last time you
grieved or quenched the
Holy Spirit?**

**Did you confess it as sin and
repent?**

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The Spirit is the author of the words of Scripture.	John 16:13, 2 Pet 1:21
The Spirit convicts the world of sin.	John 16:7-8
The Spirit creates life and eternal life in Christ.	Job 33:4, John 3:6
The Spirit is the believer's great Helper!	John 14:16
The Spirit is the dispenser of spiritual gifts.	1 Cor 12:8-11
The Spirit cleanses the believer from sin and leads us live holy lives evidenced by fruit.	Titus 3:5 Gal 5:22-23
The Spirit is the guarantee of the believer's inheritance and adoption into the family of God.	Gal 4:6, Eph 1:13
The Spirit can be ignored.	Eph 4:30, 1 Thess 5:19