

Who is the Holy Spirit & How Does He Affect Our Lives?

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Halloween focuses on the spiritual, the metaphysical dimension of life – ghosts, hobgoblins, demons, etc.

From the Renaissance to the middle of the 20th Century, humanism believed that the only things that could exist were what you could experience with your five senses.

Since that time science has acknowledged the existence of the metaphysical; the spiritual realm. Now, you can take classes in metaphysical sciences in state universities.

Christians have always believed in the metaphysical realm because of what the Bible teaches. 3

There are two spiritual arenas according to the Bible: the realm of God and the realm of Satan. 4

Let's look at the realm of God – the Holy Spirit! 5

From the Gospel of John, chapter 14, verses 15 through 27, we read, **If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.**¹ 6

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”² 7

¹ John 14:15-19.

² John 14:20-22.

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”³ 8

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”⁴ 9

³ John 14:23-26.

⁴ John 14:27.

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Who is the Holy Spirit? ¹⁰

He is one of the persons of the Trinity. ¹¹

Trinity is a theological term meaning one being expressed in three distinct characteristics and persons. ¹²

In the Bible, **the Father** is the part of God Who is all powerful, invisible and everywhere, all at the same time. ¹³

The Son is the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians, chapter 2, verses 5 through 8, partially describe Him, **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!** ¹⁴

He is the part of God Who took on humanity to identify with us, experience our life and temptations, and then, went to the cross.¹⁵ Then - the resurrection.¹⁶

The third person of the Trinity is **the Holy Spirit**. He is invisible and the part of God responsible for inspiration and the supernatural power of creation and life!¹⁷

Each of these characteristics are viewed in the Bible as distinct, individual persons! This is hard to explain and probably impossible to fully understand!¹⁸

The **Holy Spirit took Lord Jesus' place** when Jesus ascended to the Father. God, as the Son in human form, could only be conducting His ministry in one place at a time. God, as the Holy Spirit, can indwell each believer throughout history, multiplying His ministry millions of times! Verse 16 and 17 says, **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth . . . He lives with you and will be in you..**¹⁹

II. What Does the Holy Spirit Do in Your Life?

What does the Holy Spirit do in your life? ²⁰

He gives you **direction** – guidance. ²¹

He controls the movements of Christians. God came to the Apostle Peter in the City of Joppa and directed him to go to a Roman soldier's home in Caesarea, about thirty miles away. ⁵ ²²

He chooses the ministry's fields of operation for each of His individual servants. **Paul & his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia & Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.** ²³

He gives you **comfort**. ²⁴ In fact, the Bible calls Him “the Comforter”. ⁶ ²⁵

He makes you competent to be His ministers. ⁷ ²⁶

⁵ Acts 10:1-48.

⁶ John 14:16 - And I will pray the Father, and, that he may abide with you forever. he shall give you another Comforter. (King James Version)

He provides you with the **power** to live a victorious life! ²⁷

He does this by helping you with your weakness. Romans, chapter 8, verses 26 and 27 puts it this way, **In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He Who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.** ²⁸

He also does it by providing you the Fruit of the Spirit in your life. We find this passage in Galatians, chapter 5, verses 22 and 23, **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control. Against such things there is no law.** ²⁹ See also Ephesians, chapter 5, verse 9, . . . for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth . . . ³⁰

⁷ II Corinthians 3:6 - He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant.

In summary . . .

III. What Does This All Mean?

What does this all mean? ³¹

God identifies with ordinary people. ³² Lord Jesus had brothers and sisters. ^{8 33}

Jesus experienced being a baby and being a child. He even experienced being a teenager! ^{9 34}

His parents were average lower middle class economically. ³⁵ Lord Jesus, as an adult, worked hard as a carpenter and brought home an average paycheck. ³⁶

God knows what it is like to **be tempted**! ^{10 37}

⁸ Matthew 13:55-56 - Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? And John 7:3 - Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. See also Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31; 6:3; Luke 8:19; John 2:12; Acts 1:14; I Corinthians 9:5 & Galatians 1:19.

⁹ Luke 2:41-52.

¹⁰ Matthew 4:1-11.

God experienced **what we experience**, pain, disappointment, frustration, bodily needs. ³⁸

God used His human experience to impress upon us His love. **He went to the cross!** ³⁹

Knowing these things should enhance your witness! ⁴⁰

God loves you so much He was willing to empty Himself of all His majesty so He could experience your life and identify with you! ⁴¹

Now – He is inviting you to experience His life and identify with Him . . .

In heaven forever!

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