

# Holy Spirit

## 1. Holy Spirit is God and a divine Person

- a. The Bible equates lying to the Holy Spirit with lying to God
  - i. **Acts 5:3–4 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup> While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”
- b. Holy Spirit is eternal
  - i. **Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)** <sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- c. Omnipresent
  - i. **Psalms 139:7–8 (NKJV)** <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.
- d. Omniscient
  - i. **1 Corinthians 2:10–11 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.
- e. Omnipotent
  - i. **Luke 1:35 (NKJV)** <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
  - ii. **Romans 8:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- f. Holy Spirit can be grieved
  - i. **Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)** <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- g. Holy Spirit Speaks
  - i. **Acts 13:2 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- h. Holy spirit has a will
  - i. **1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
- i. Jesus promises the Father will send "another Advocate" (or Helper/Comforter), the Holy Spirit, to be with believers forever
  - i. **John 14:16–17 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> **And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

## 2. Holy Spirit is present and active from creation

- a. In the beginning
  - i. **Genesis 1:2 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- b. Holy Spirit empowers people for service in the Old Testament, such as coming upon judges, prophets, and kings
  - i. **Judges 3:10 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim.
  - ii. **1 Samuel 16:13 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

## 3. Jesus' time

- a. Holy Spirit was present at the time of Jesus
  - i. **Matthew 3:16 (NKJV)** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
  - ii. **Luke 3:22 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup> And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."
- b. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit
  - i. **Luke 1:35 (NKJV)** <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*"
- c. Anointed by Holy Spirit
  - i. **Luke 4:18 (NKJV)** "*The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*"
- d. Led by Holy Spirit
  - i. **Matthew 4:1 (NKJV)** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- e. Jesus promises to baptize believers "with the Holy Spirit and fire"
  - i. **Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
  - ii. **Luke 3:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## 4. The promise and coming of the Holy Spirit

- a. Jesus teaches that the Holy Spirit will be sent after His departure:

- i. **John 14:26 (NKJV)** <sup>26</sup> 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 things that I said to you.
  - ii. **John 16:8–11 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
  - iii. **John 16:13 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
- b. The promise was fulfilled at Pentecost
- i. **Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV) *Coming of the Holy Spirit*** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
  - ii. **Acts 2:38 (NKJV)** <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## 5. The indwelling and gifts for believers

- a. Believers' bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit
  - i. **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- b. Holy Spirit indwells, seals, and regenerates believers
  - i. **Titus 3:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
  - ii. **Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- c. Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts for building up the church
  - i. **1 Corinthians 12:4–11 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: <sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But

one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- d. Holy Spirit empowers us for witness
  - i. **Acts 1:8 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## 6. Holy Spirit produces fruit and transformation

- a. Fruit
  - i. **Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
- b. Transformation
  - i. **Romans 8:2 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
  - ii. **Galatians 5:16–21 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- c. Holy Spirit helps in weakness, interceding for believers
  - i. **Romans 8:26–27 (NKJV)** <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

## 7. Holy Spirit is essential for life and salvation

- a. Jesus says no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born of water and the Spirit
  - i. **John 3:5–6 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- b. The Holy Spirit gives life and renews
  - i. **Titus 3:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- c. Believers receive Holy Spirit as a gift
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