

Who is God?

Part 3 – Holy Spirit

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

(Genesis 1:1–2, New Living Translation)

He gave up his divine privileges. . . and was born as a human being.

(Philippians 2:7, NLT)

I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

(John 1:32, English Standard Version)

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Spirit is our source of life!

Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.”

(When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.) *(John 7:37–39, NLT)*

- **Our response: Believe in Jesus.**

You received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. *(Romans 8:15–16, NLT)*

2. The Spirit is our Advocate.

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. . . . you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”

(John 14:16–17, NLT)

The Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express. And God, who sees into our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will. (Romans 8:26–27, Good News Bible)

- **Our response: Surrender control to the Spirit.**

Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit. *(Ephesians 5:18, NLT)*

3. The Spirit is our Source of Power!

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *(Acts 1:8, NLT)*

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

(Acts 2:2–4, NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. *(1 Peter 4:10–11, NLT)*

- **Our response: Don’t bring sorrow to the Spirit.**

Do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. . . . Get rid of all bitterness, rage anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

(Ephesians 4:30–32, NLT)

Final thought:
Am I doing anything that brings
sorrow to the Holy Spirit?