



The Great Helper
The Holy Spirit in Scripture
Part 1

*“I will ask the Father, and He
will give you another Helper
so that He may be with you forever...
He is the Spirit of Truth
John 14:16-17*

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I. The Nature of the Holy Spirit – Who is He?

A. His Deity – He is _____.

1. Holy Spirit and God are interchangeable.

Acts 5:3-4 = “lied to Holy Spirit, lied to God”
Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20

“God’s temple... God’s Spirit lives in you”
“temple of the Holy Spirit is in you”

2. Holy Spirit has attributes of God.

a. _____ = “all knowing”

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

“no one knows God’s thoughts but God’s Spirit”

John 16:13

“Spirit of Truth will guide you into all truth”

b. _____ = “all powerful”

Luke 1:35

“Holy Spirit...power of the Most High”

Romans 15:19

“my ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit”

John 16:8-11; 3:5-8

“The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin”

“You must be born again by the Holy Spirit”

c. _____ = “no beginning, no end”

Hebrews 9:14; 1:10-12

“by the eternal Spirit”

3. Holy Spirit does the _____ of God.

- a. _____
Genesis 1:2
“Spirit of God hovering over the waters”
- Job 26:13**
“heavens made fair by the Holy Spirit”
- Psalm 104:30**
“when You send Your Spirit, the earth is renewed”
- b. In human _____
John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5
“He saved us by rebirth and renewal of Holy Spirit”
- Romans 8:11**
“God will give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit”
- c. Giving the _____
2 Timothy 3:16
“All scripture is given by God (God-breathed)”
- 2 Peter 1:21**
“...men carried along by the Holy Spirit”

4. Holy Spirit is equal to the _____ and _____.

- a. **Matthew 28:19**
“baptize them in the name of the Father, and baptize them in the name of the Son, and baptize them in the name of the Holy Spirit”

The Brethren believe this is also a command by Jesus regarding the mode or method of baptism because the Greek grammar’s elliptical clause says to “immerse or dip under water three times, once for each Person of the Trinity.”

- b. **2 Corinthians 13:14**
“...grace of the Lord Jesus Christ...the love of God...the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.”

- c. **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**
“...same Spirit...same Lord...same God...”
 Context is the variety of spiritual gifts, ministries, effects.
- d. **1 Peter 1:2**
*“...foreknowledge of God the Father...
 through sanctifying work of Holy Spirit...
 for obedience to Jesus Christ...”*

B. The Holy Spirit’s Personality – He is a _____.

- 1. _____ pronouns refer to Him.

John 16:13-14

“He, Spirit of Truth, will guide you”

Ephesians 1:4

“Holy Spirit who (masculine) is a deposit guaranteeing”

The Greek *pneuma*, or *spirit*, is neutral, but all pronouns referring to Him are masculine. He is a Person!

- 2. Closely connected to _____.

- a. He is a _____ for Jesus!

John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

“I will send you another Helper to be with you”

“another” = “another of the same kind”

- b. He _____ another member of the Trinity.

John 16:14

“...Spirit will bring glory to Jesus”

John 17:4

“I (Jesus) glorified You (Father) on earth”

- c. Linked with the _____ and _____.

Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2

Jude 20-21

“...pray in the Holy Spirit...keep yourselves in God’s love...wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

Acts 2:33, 38

“Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God...Jesus has received the promised Holy Spirit...”

Galatians 4:6

“God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts...”

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

“God made us stand firm in Christ...He anointed us and set His seal of ownership on us...put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit...”

Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Ephesians 3:14-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

At Jesus’ _____ in **Matthew 3:16-17.**

“...Spirit descended” and Father spoke and Son baptized

Casting out _____ in **Matthew 12:28**

“If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.”

*Note: All three Persons of the Holy Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, perfectly relate to one another in fellowship, harmony, and love. This means that:

1. God did not _____ me, but He _____ me!

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were perfectly content, lacking nothing, within their relationship before man was created. *God created man for His glory, and man’s ultimate satisfaction can only be found in God through Christ.*

Matthew 22:14; Mark 13:20; Luke 6:13; Psalm 33:12; Isaiah 41:8; Zechariah 3:2; Acts 1:24; Acts 9:15; Acts 10:40; 13:2; Romans 1:6; 11:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 9, 27-28;; Titus 1:1;; Ephesians 1:18; 3:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:11;

Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2:10; 1 Peter 1:1-2, 15; 3:9; 5:10; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 1; Psalm 139:16

John 15:16

“...you did not choose Me, but I choose you...”

John 15:19

“...I chose you out of the world so the world hates you...”

John 13:18

“I know the ones I have chosen.”

Romans 9:23

“What if God chose to be patient with His wrath to make known the riches of His glory on vessels of mercy which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He also called.”

Romans 11:29

“The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Galatians 1:15

“But when God, who had set me apart from my mother’s womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased...”

Ephesians 1:4

“...God the Father chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world...”

Ephesians 4:1, 4

*“I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...you were called in one *hope* of your calling...”*

Colossians 3:12

“So then as those who have been chosen by God holy and beloved...”

2 Thessalonians 2:13

“But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

1 Peter 2:9

“You are a chosen race...a people for God’s own possession...to proclaim His excellencies...”

2 Peter 1:10

“Therefore brethren be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things you will never stumble.”

Revelation 17:14

“Those who are with the Lamb, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, are the called and chosen and faithful.”

*These verses demonstrate that with God's choosing, comes _____ to obey God and fulfill His purpose.

2. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the model for all human _____.

Ephesians 4:25-32; Philippians 2:1-4; Colossians 3:12-17; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8

God's expectations for interpersonal relationships can be seen in the Bible in the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: love, respect, honor, kindness, gentleness, loyalty, submission, service. *We must treat one another just as the Father, Son, and Spirit treat one another.*

d. He is grouped with _____.

Acts 15:28

"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements."

Romans 8:26

"The Spirit also helps us with our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us..."

3. Has _____ characteristics.

a. _____ and _____

John 14:26

"Counselor...teach you...remind you..."

b. _____

1 Corinthians 12:11

"Spirit gives spiritual gifts to each as He wills."

c. _____

Ephesians 4:30

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit." = "to afflict with sorrow"

This "grief" is of course *anthropopathic*, which means that the writers of the Bible use human words to describe the Divine God so that we might better understand Him and ourselves. We cannot

literally harm the Holy Spirit with our sin, but the term “grief” teaches us that our sin is harmful, and is unacceptable to God. Sin has consequences.

- d. The Holy Spirit helps, can be lied to, can be obstructed, can be resisted, and can be maliciously maligned.
Romans 8:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Acts 7:51; Matthew 12:31; Mark 3:29

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit is not a force, a feeling, energy, or our conscience. The Holy Spirit is an animated, living _____; a Person who is fully God as the Father and Son.

Implications of the Holy Spirit’s Nature and Personality

1. We should _____ and respect the Holy Spirit.
2. We should _____ the Holy Spirit as we do the Father and Son.
3. We can have a _____ with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:4 *“Walk according to the Spirit”*

Romans 8:11 *“The Spirit lives in you.”*

Romans 8:14 *“Being led by the Spirit of God”*

Romans 8:16 *“The Spirit testifies with our spirit.”*

Romans 8:26 *“The Spirit helps our weakness.”*

Romans 9:1 *“My conscience testifies in the Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 14:17 *“Righteousness, joy, peace in the Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 15:30 *“I urge you by the love of the Spirit.”*

4. We should know God is not _____ off. In the Holy Spirit, God is as close as possible. He is within us! In the Holy Spirit, God is closer than He was in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

John 14:16-18 *“...another Helper to be with you forever...the Spirit of Truth...He will abide with you and be in you...I will not leave you as orphans...”*

1 Corinthians 6:19 *“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you.”*