

The Holy Spirit

The word “spirit” has been deceptively translated in our Protestant Bibles throughout the early years of the Roman Catholic Church in order to give cover to its true meaning. This in turn allows for the propping up certain theological doctrines that are thought of today as “sacred cows”. You cannot touch them or you are considered a heretic... not really a “true Christian”, but in fact, a cult. Well, “let God be true, and every man a liar” (Romans 3:4). In order to come to the truth, every true Christian must take up the gauntlet of “bein’ Berean”. See Acts 17:11. We must “search the scriptures daily” to see what is true.

In so doing, we must dig into the original languages as well. the English word for “Spirit” is the Greek word **ΠΝΕΥΜΑ** [πνεῦμα] (pneuma). The Hebrew counterpart is רוּחַ (ruach) and literally means “breath” or “wind”. This implies an active unseen force as it told to us in John 3:8.

John 3:8 τὸ πνεῦμα ὅπου θέλει πνεῖ, καὶ τὴν φωνὴν αὐτοῦ ἀκούεις, ἀλλ’ οὐκ οἶδας πόθεν ἔρχεται καὶ ποῦ ὑπάγει· οὕτως ἐστὶ πᾶς ὁ γεγεννημένος ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος.

There is also a metaphorical use for a word as well as a literal use. In fact, there are three metaphorical uses for the word “spirit” in Scripture. And throughout both Old and New Testaments, in both Greek and Hebrew, there are several different words used to translate this word to make the meaning fit the translators theological presuppositions. If the word was translated the same, literally, throughout the Bible, their doctrines would collapse.

This is a deep dive study that **we will do** in order to prove these statements beyond any doubt. It is beyond the scope of this synapses of the Holy Spirit.

The literal meaning for spirit is breath. And if we translate it that way throughout the entire Bible, every use of the word makes perfect sense. “Spirit of God” and “Breath of God” are synonymous.

Because God the Father is holy, utterly, completely, absolutely holy, He cannot come in direct contact with mankind due to sin. That is why we have the Holy Spirit and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).

The **Holy Breath** (Spirit) is therefore a limited manifestation of God’s power and presence within the creation. It is observing and listening to everything and extending God’s ability to manipulate nature. God’s Breath (Spirit) is the “Anointing” which we have received from Christ within the local assembly, through which the Father and Son have a presence both in and among God’s people. This “contact” is why blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven man, Matthew 12:31-32. We have not come in contact with the Father. We have not come in direct contact with the Son. But as a Christian, we have come in contact with the Holy Spirit or Holy Breath of God, and are therefore without excuse.

The Holy Breath is given to comfort us, to instruct us, to convict us of our sin, as well as to correct us, to apply the Scriptures in various situations, to sustain the local assembly and its members, and is also the shared deposit guaranteeing the future “redemption of our body” (Romans 8:23), which is resurrection, and our future inheritance in the Kingdom of God.