

## **Study #3**

# **The Deity of the Holy Spirit**

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→ *The purpose of this study is to show from Scripture that the Holy Spirit is not just an impersonal force sent from God, but that the Holy Spirit is the personal God. He is one of the three co-equal, co-eternal persons of the Holy Trinity.*

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### **Terms from the Bible**

**Ruah** (OT) and **Pneuma** (NT) – Spirit; breath, or wind.

**Parakletos** (NT) – Advocate or comforter, or even counselor or helper.

### **Building Blocks: The Holy Spirit is God**

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#### **A. The Holy Spirit is directly referred to as God.**

- a. Acts 5:3-4
- b. 1 Corinthians 3:16

#### **B. The Holy Spirit does the works of God.**

- a. He gives eternal life. John 6:63
- b. He delivers from sin. Romans 8:9
- c. He gives resurrection life. Romans 8:11
- d. He reveals divine truth. John 15:26; 16:13
- e. He reveals Scripture. 2 Peter 1:21
- f. He empowers God's people. Acts 1:8
- g. He fills and seals God's people. Ephesians 1:13-14

**C. The Holy Spirit has the attributes of God.**

- a. He is ... Holy! Acts 1:8
- b. He is omnipotent. Luke 1:35 (see "B.")
- c. He is eternal. Hebrews 9:14
- d. He is omniscient. 1 Corinthians 2:10
- e. He is omnipresent. Psalm 139:7-10
- f. He is sovereign. 1 Corinthians 12:11

**D. The Holy Spirit is a personal being, not an impersonal force.**

- a. He speaks. Acts 8:29; 13:2
- b. He has a will. 1 Corinthians 12:11
- c. He can be sinned against.
  - i. Blasphemed. Matthew 12:31
  - ii. Resisted/rejected. Acts 7:51
  - iii. Insulted. Hebrews 10:29
  - iv. Lied to. Acts 5:3
  - v. Grieved. Ephesians 4:30
  - vi. Quenched. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 (What in the world does this mean?!)

### **Important Terminology**

1. **Perichoresis** – A term used to express the incomprehensibly close relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It comes from a Greek word that means something like "rotation," but carries the idea of intense inter-penetration, or spiraling closely together. "Peri" means around. "Chorein" means to move forward (approach), or to contain.
2. **Circumincessio** – Another term for the relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit. This one comes from a Latin word. "Circum" means around. "Incedere" means to approach, or move.
3. **Mystery** – The mystery these words are trying to express is that the persons of Trinity, though distinct, also indwell and exhaustively reveal each other.