



# The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 4

**Title: Serving God via the Eternal Spirit.**



**Text: Heb. 9:14 NIV:**

<sup>14</sup>How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

## **I. The various ministries of the Holy Spirit.**

Many erroneously the Holy Spirit first came to earth at Pentecost in Acts 2. This is not true. The Word of God assigns no less than eleven mighty ministries of the Spirit, and the first three were performed in Old Testament times.

### **The eleven ministries are:**

1. His ministry concerning the universe.
2. His ministry concerning the Scriptures.
3. His ministry concerning the nation Israel.
4. His ministry concerning the devil.
5. His ministry concerning the Savior.
6. His ministry concerning the sinner.
7. His ministry concerning the church.
8. His ministry concerning the day of Pentecost.
9. His ministry concerning the believer.
10. His ministry concerning the spiritual gifts.
11. His ministry concerning the fruit of Christ.

## **II. His ministry concerning the universe.**

**According to David, the Father created all things.**

**Ps.19:1 NIV:**

### **The Perfect Revelation of the Lord**

<sup>1</sup>For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**However, John declares that the Son did it.**

**Jn. 1:3-4 NIV:**

<sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

**Moses, the author of the pentateuch (first 5 books in the bible) says that the Spirit created the universe.**

**Gen. 1:1 NIV:**

### **The History of Creation**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



## **Conclusion:**

### **What are we to believe?**

The answer is, of course, that all three persons in the Trinity had a part.

Lets assume that were going to construct a spacious expensive home.

We would need the following personnel in order to be able to build our home.

Hence, think that the following members of the Trinity performed the following assignments in building our home.

**God the Father is the ( executive ),**

**Jesus his Son ( the architect ),**

**The Holy Spirit ( the laborer ).**

## **Gen. 1:2 KJV:**

**2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God **moved** upon the face of the waters.

**It has been suggested** that the Hebrew word (here translated “**moved**”) has reference to the gentle motion of a dove as she quietly hovers over her nest, imparting her body heat upon the eggs until they’re hatched.

## **Job. 26:13 NIV:**

<sup>13</sup>By his breath the skies became fair; his hand pierced the gliding serpent.

## **Job. 33:4 NIV:**

<sup>4</sup>The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

## **Ps. 104:30 NIV:**

<sup>30</sup>When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.



## **What six things was God doing before the creation of the world?**

### **1. God was having fellowship with Christ Jesus.**

**Prov. 8:22-20 NIV:**

20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,

21 bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

22 "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old;

**Jn. 17:5 NIV:**

5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

**Jn. 17:24 NIV:**

24"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

## **2. God was creating Angels and stars.**

**Job. 38:4-7 NIV:**

4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

6 On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone

7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

### 3. God was planning for a church.

**Eph. 3:8-9 NIV:**

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,

9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

### 4. God was selecting the leaders of His church.

**Eph. 1:4 NIV:**

4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love



## **5. God was planning for a kingdom. ( millennium )**

**Mt. 25:34 NIV:**

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

## **6. Planning for a Savior.**

**1 Pet. 1:18-20 NIV:**

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

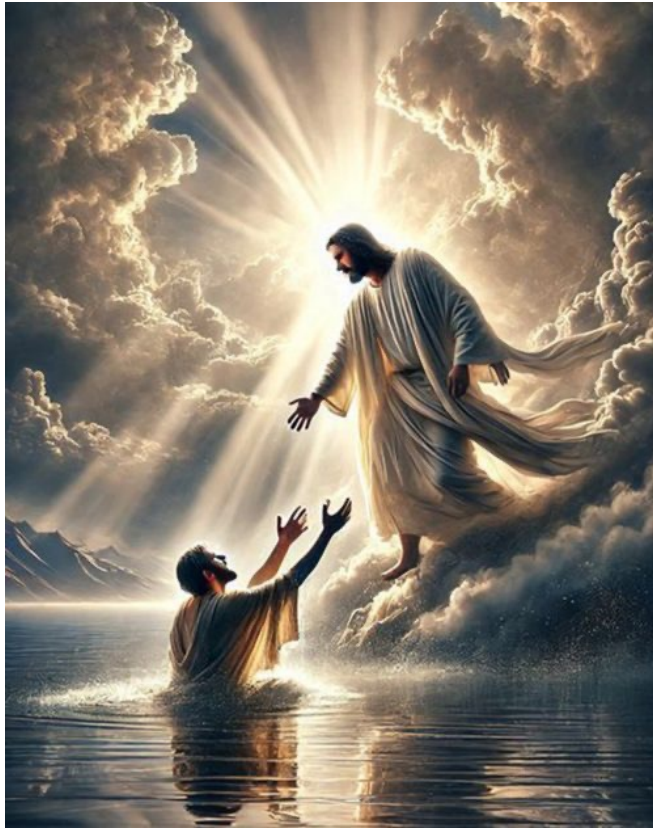
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

**Rev. 13:8 NIV:**

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

# How many heavens are there?



**The word heaven in Genesis 1:1 is plural in the Hebrew.**

**Actually there are three heavens mentioned in the Bible and in the beginning God created all three.**

**First heaven: home of the birds and clouds.**

“The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meant for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it”

### **Dan. 4:12 NIV:**

12 He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

### **Matthew 6:26 NIV:**

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

### **Second heaven: home of the sun, moon, and stars.**

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork"

### **Psa. 19:1 NIV:**

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**Third heaven: home of the angels and departed saints.**

**2 Cor, 12:2 NLT:**

2 I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows.

### **3. The approximate dimensions of creation.**

#### **A. The light year measurement:**

Light travels at a rate of 186,000 feet per second. Therefore, the distance that light travels in a year can be calculated by multiplying the number of seconds in a year by 186,000. It is estimated that our universe is approximately six trillion miles in diameter.

#### **B. How big is the sun?**

If our Sun were hollow, 1,300,000 Earths could fit inside it.

#### **C. How big are some planets?**

There is a star named Antares. If it were hollow, it could hold 64,000,000 of our suns.

## **D. How many galaxies are there?**

Astronomers tell us that there are approximately one trillion galaxies. **(NASA)**

### **Ps. 147:4 NLT:**

4 He counts the stars  
and calls them all by name.

### **Isa. 40:26 NLT:**

26 Look up into the heavens.  
Who created all the stars?  
He brings them out like an army, one after another,  
calling each by its name.  
Because of his great power and incomparable strength,  
not a single one is missing.

## **D1. In creating the trees, the grass, birds, animals, and sea creatures:**

### **The trees.**

### **Ps. 104:16 NLT:**

16 The trees of the LORD are well cared for—  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

## **The grass.**

### **Ps. 104:14 NLT:**

14 You cause grass to grow for the livestock and plants for people to use. You allow them to produce food from the earth—

## **The birds.**

### **Ps. 104:12 NLT:**

12 The birds nest beside the streams and sing among the branches of the trees.

### **Ps 104:17 NLT:**

17 There the birds make their nests, and the storks make their homes in the cypresses.

## **The animals.**

### **Ps 104:21-22 NLT:**

21 Then the young lions roar for their prey, stalking the food provided by God.

22 At dawn they slink back into their dens to rest.

## **The sea creatures.**

### **Ps 104:25 NIV:**

25 Here is the ocean, vast and wide,  
teeming with life of every kind,  
both large and small.

## **E. In creating man himself.**

### **Gen 1:26-27 NLT:**

26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

27 So God created human beings in his own image.  
In the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

### **Job 33:4 NLT:**

4 For the word of the LORD holds true,  
and we can trust everything he does.

**Zech 12:1 NLT:**

## **Future Deliverance for Jerusalem**

1 This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: “This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit.

## **F. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in relation to God’s creation and redemption Concerning creation.**

**Gen 1:2 NLT:**

2 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.

## **Concerning redemption.**

**John 3:5-6 NLT:**

**5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.**

**6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.**

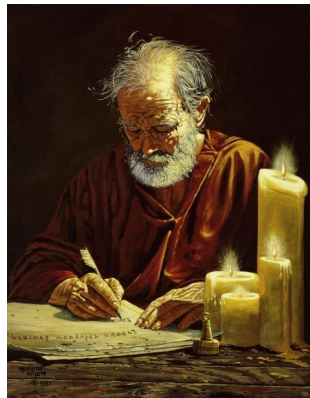
## **Rev 22:17 NLT:**

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life

## **4. His ministry concerning the Scriptures.**

In a word, the Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God.

He has furthermore chosen three basic methods in the preparation and reception of his divine manuscript, the Bible.



**These “steps of the Spirit” are:**

### **A. Revelation:**

That process whereby the Holy Spirit spoke to the forty human writers of the Bible the message he wanted them to transmit.

## **B. Illumination:**

That process whereby the Holy Spirit takes the written word when it is preached and read and enlightens those human ears who will hear it.

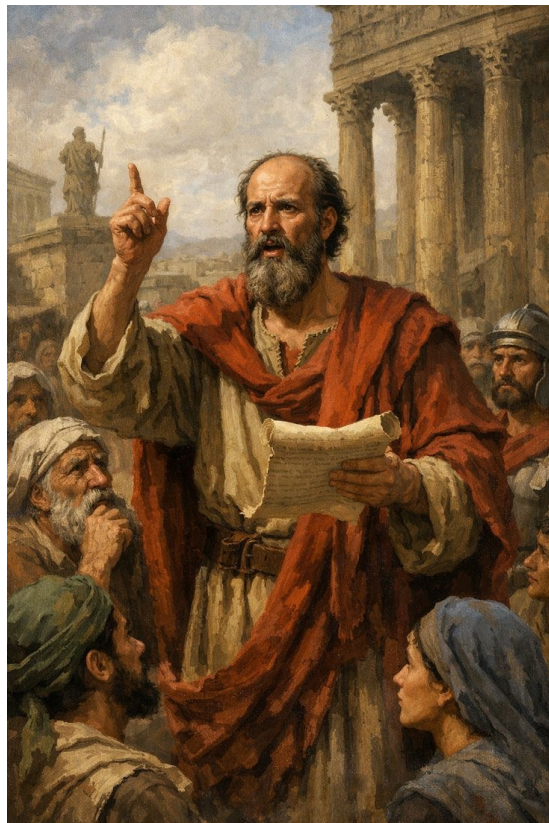
The following passages bear all this out.

### **The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Old Testament.**

#### **According to David.**

#### **2 Samuel 23:2 NLT:**

2 “The Spirit of the LORD speaks through me; his words are upon my tongue.



## **According to Isaiah.**

### **Isa 59:21 NLT:**

21 “And this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children’s children forever. I, the LORD, have spoken!

## **According to Jeremiah.**

### **Jeremiah 1:9 NLT:**

9 Then the LORD reached out and touched my mouth and said, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth!

## **According to Jesus.**

### **Matthew 5:18 NLT:**

**18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.**



**According to John.**

**John 10:35 NLT:**

**35 And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. So if those people who received God's message were called 'gods,'**

**According to Peter.**

## **According to Peter.**

### **2 Peter 1:21 NLT:**

21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

## **According to Paul.**

### **2 Timothy 3:15-17 NLT:**

15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.



# **The Holy Spirit is the Author of the New Testament.**

## **A. ACCORDING TO JESUS:**

### **Jn 14:25-26 NLT:**

25 I am telling you these things now while I am still with you.

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

## **B. According to Paul.**

### **1 Cor 2:13 NLT:**

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

### **1 Cor 14:37 NLT:**

37 If you claim to be a prophet or think you are spiritual, you should recognize that what I am saying is a command from the Lord himself.

### **1 Thess 4:15 NLT:**

15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.

## **C. According to Peter.**

### **2 Pet 3:14-16 NLT:**

14 And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

15 And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—

16 speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.

## **D. According to John.**

### **Rev 1:10-11 NLT:**

10 It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast.

11 It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

## **Rev 2:7 NLT:**

7 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

## **6. How do we worship the Lord**

### **A. Via the Eternal Spirit.**

#### **Heb 9:14 NLT:**

14 Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

### **B. Our battles are against satan.**

#### **Eph 6:10-12 NLT:**

##### **The Whole Armor of God**

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.



## **How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?**



## **How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?**

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

## **For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:**

**6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

Rev. Jesus Del Rio, Ed

