



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 1

Title: Is there a Holy Ghost?



Text: Acts 19:2 KJV:

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Introduction to this course of study:

During one of his missionary trips, the Apostle Paul questioned a group of Ephesian “church members” (actually they were disciples of John the Baptist) about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Their answer must have shocked him somewhat , for they replied, “ ...We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost” (**Acts 19:2**).

If Paul was shocked, surely the Father, Son were saddened as they viewed yet another example of the almost universal ignorance concerning the ministry of the blessed third Person of the Trinity.

The personality of the Holy Spirit:

A. He has a mind

Rom. 8:27 KJV :

27 And **he** that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because **he** maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

The first "**He**" in this verse is a reference to the Son of God, as seen in (**Rom. 8:34**).

The second "**He**" refers to the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: This verse promulgates that the believer enjoys the intercessory prayers of both the Son and the Holy Spirit.

B. He searches the human mind:

1 Cor. 2:10 KJV :

10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

God has revealed to us:

1. The Scriptures: 2 Pet. 1:21 KJV:

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

2. The Spirit knows your strengths and weaknesses.

3. God through the scriptures opened our understanding to the Holy Scriptures.

4. That helps us digest and process the types of prophecies of Christ, and what the Holy Prophets have spoken of his Person and offices.

V.10: The deep things of GOD :

Deep: Greek word Bathos: (Noun) depth,-
Profoundness, inscrutability, abstruseness of God.

1. That the “Spirit” is a person of equal value with the Father, and Son.

2. He establishes Himself as the third person in the Trinity.
 3. He establishes His Deity.
 4. The Spirit reveals to us all the counsels of God, whatsoever God, would have men to understand concerning the Lord Jesus Christ,
 5. The Spirit declares that only He can reveal to man the - **“ Deep things of God”** and not man.
 6. That He will teach, instruct, guide, the children, of God towards fulfilling. God’s will in their lives.
 7. That He will give His children comprehension, acknowledgement and belief towards His word.
- i.e. As the pastor speaks, God convicts you in His word.**



C. He has a will:

1 Cor. 12:11 NLT:

11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

A. The Spirit of God is but One.

B. From this one Spirit several powers and abilities flow;
i.e. Pastors, Deacons, Teachers, Greeters,

C. HE gives every person a different gift.

D. All gifts work to please God, and for the good of the Church.

E. All gifts come from one origin.

F. All have one Author.

D. He forbids:

Acts 16:6-7 NLT :

A Call from Macedonia

6 Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.

7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.

E. He Permits:

Acts 16:10 NLT:

10 So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

F. He Speaks:

1. To Phillip in the desert :

Acts 8:29 NLT:

29 The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

2. To Peter on a housetop:

Acts 10:19 NLT:

Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you

3. To some elders in Antioch:

Acts 13:2 NLT:

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.

4. To the seven churches in Asia Minor:

Rev. 2-3 NIV:

On no less than seven occasions (one to each church) do we read the words:

Rev. 2:7 NLT:

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Rev. 2:11NLT:

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Rev. 2:17 NLT:

17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

Rev. 2:29 NLT:

29Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev. 3:6 NLT:

6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev. 3:13 NLT:

13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev. 3:22 NLT:

22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."



G. He loves:

1. Rom.15:30 NIV:

30 I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

2. Each believer is loved by the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit:

Jn. 14:21 NIV:

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Jn. 16:27 NIV:

27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

Gal. 2:20 NIV:

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Cor. 9:7 NIV:

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Eph. 2:4 NIV:

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

Eph. 3:19 NIV:

19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

2 Thess. 2:16 NIV:

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

Heb.12:6 NIV:

6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

Rev.1:5 NIV:

5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

Rev. 3:19 NIV:

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

3. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit:

Eph. 4:30 NIV:

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



H. He prays:

Rom. 8:26 NIV:

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

The Holy Spirit is referred to some 261 in different passages of the N.T.:

56 Times in the Gospels.

57 Times in the book of Acts.

112 Times in the Pauline Epistles.

36 Times throughout the N.T.

III. The Deity of the Holy Spirit:

He is omnipotent:

Ps. 139:7 NIV:

7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

In this Psalm, David acknowledges it's impossible to elude the Holy Spirit.

He is omniscient:

1 Cor. 2:10-11 NIV:

10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

He is omnipotent:

Gen. 1:2 NIV:

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

He is eternal:

Heb. 9:14 NIV:

14 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!

He is called God:

Acts 5:3-4 NIV:

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

He is made equal with the Father and the Son

As seen in the baptismal experience of Christ:

Mt. 3:16-17 NIV:

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



As seen in the temptation of Christ:

Satan Tempts Jesus



Mt. 4:1-7 NIV:

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Note: If Satan had the audacity to tempt Christ, do you think that he looks at us, as a more of a major hurdle to tempt?

As declared by Jesus in the upper room:

Jn. 14:16 NIV:

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

Jn.14:26 NIV:

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Jn. 15:26 NIV:

The Work of the Holy Spirit

26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father he will testify about me.

As declared by Paul:

Rom. 8:2-3 NIV:

2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

2 Cor. 13:14 NIV:

14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Eph. 2:18 NIV:

18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

As declared by Peter:

1 Pet. 1:2 NIV:

2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Pet. 4:14 NIV:

14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

As declared in the book of Acts:

Acts. 2:33 NIV:

33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

As declared by Jesus on the Mount of Olives:

Mt. 28:19-20 NIV:

19 Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

