

Names Applied to the Holy Spirit

One thing we grow accustomed to as we read and study our Bible is the fact that a group, individual, or idea can be called more than one thing. God is the Father and the Creator. Jesus is the Son of God, the Son of Man, and the Savior. The Church may be called the body of Christ or the temple of God. The Israelites are called Jews. And we won't even get started with all of the nations surrounding Israel in the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit is also called by many different names. The reason for this is because the Holy Spirit is referenced in regard to God the Father in some places, to Christians in other places, and He is referenced in regard to His role or work. Many times the word "spirit" will be used by itself and, as we discussed in the first article, allow the context to tell you if it is the Holy Spirit or man's spirit – don't just take the editor's word for it. The following is just a sampling of the various names applied to the Holy Spirit throughout the New Testament:

General Terms:

- The Spirit – Mark 1:10
- The Holy Spirit – 1 Corinthians 12:3
- The Comforter – John 14:16

In relation to the Father:

- Spirit of God – Romans 8:14
- Spirit of Your Father – Matthew 10:20
- Spirit of the Living God – 2 Corinthians 3:3

In relation to Christians:

- Spirit of Truth – John 14:17
- Spirit of Life – Romans 8:2
- Spirit of Grace – Hebrews 10:29