



Introduction

- The Holy Spirit is not a force or an emotion but a divine Person.
- He is distinct yet unified with the Father and the Son.
- Many misunderstand His nature, but Scripture provides clarity.



I. The Person of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is a person, not a mere influence.
- • Jesus refers to Him using personal pronouns (John 16:13-14).
- • He thinks, speaks, teaches, and guides.
- • He has attributes of intellect, will, and emotion.



The Holy Spirit's Actions

- • He possesses intellect and searches all things (1 Cor. 2:10-11).
- • He intercedes for us in prayer (Rom. 8:26-27).
- • He expresses His will (Acts 16:6-7, Acts 13:2).
- • He speaks and directs believers (Acts 8:29).



The Person of the Holy Spirit

- • He can be resisted (Acts 7:51).
- • He can be lied to (Acts 5:3-4).
- • He can be grieved (Eph. 4:30).
- • He makes judgments and uses discernment (Acts 15:28).
- • He can be blasphemed (Matt. 12:31)



II. The Holy Spirit Is Distinct and Divine

- • The Holy Spirit is one with the Godhead.
- • He works in unity with the Father and the Son.
- • Example: Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:16-17).
- • He is fully God, yet distinct from the Father and Son.



The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- • Mentioned in 23 of the 39 Old Testament books.
- • Active in creation (Gen. 1:1-2, Job 26:13).
- • Involved in revealing God's will through prophets.
- • Strived with man in Noah's time (Gen. 6:3)



The Spirit's Role in Inspiration

- • Inspired prophecy and scripture (2 Peter 1:21).
- • Worked through men like Joseph, Balaam, Saul, Isaiah, and Ezekiel.
- • David affirmed that the Spirit spoke through him (2 Sam. 23:2).
- • The Spirit's revelations are confirmed in the New Testament.

The Spirit's Divine Attributes

- • Omnipresence: He is everywhere (Ps. 139:7-12).
- • He participated in creation (Gen. 1:2, Col. 1:15-16).
- • Source of divine inspiration and miracles.
- • He is fully God and works in unity with the Father and Son.

Conclusion

- • The Holy Spirit is not a force but a divine Person.
- • He is distinct from the Father and Son yet fully God.
- • He was active in creation and the communication of God's will in the Old Testament through man.
- • Having a deeper understanding based on scripture can keep us from false teaching on this subject