

The Personhood and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. Thought

(Mind) Romans 8:27: "He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit"

(Approval/Disapproval) Acts 15:28: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit..."

(Will) 1 Corinthians 12:11: "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills."

(Knowledge) 1 Corinthians 2:10-11: "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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."

2. Speech

(Direct) Acts 8:29: "The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'"

Acts 10:19: "While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.'"

Acts 13:2: "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'"

(Through Others) Acts 4:25: "You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David"

(Through Scripture) 2 Peter 1:20-21: "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

3. Feeling

(Love) Romans 15:30: "the love of the Spirit"

(Joy) 1 Thessalonians 1:6: "You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."

(Relationship) Galatians 4:6: "God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'"

(Grief) Isaiah 63:10: "Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them."

Ephesians 4:30: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God"

(Can be Resisted, Lied to, Quenched, and Blasphemed)

Acts 7:51; Acts 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Matthew 12:31-32

4. Action

(Testifies about Jesus) John 15:26: “When the Counselor 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.”

(Counsels; Teaches and Reminds Us of Jesus) John 14:26: “But the Counselor, 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.”

(Conviction) John 16:8: “When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment”

(Leads) Romans 8:14: “Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

(Guides People into Truth) John 16:3: “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

(Strengthens and Encourages) Acts 9:31: “Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.”

(Comforts) John 14:16: “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever”

(Intercession) Romans 8:26: “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 with groans that words cannot express.”

The Work of Spirit

The Old Testament

1. Creation

Genesis 1:2: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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.”

2. Creativity

Exodus 31:1-5: “Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.”

3. Prophecy

Numbers 11:24-25: “So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.”

4. Power

“The Spirit of the Lord came upon...”

Judges 14:6: “The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat.”

5. Justice

Isaiah 58: “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me to [...]”

The New Testament

1. Incarnation

Luke 1:35: “The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

2. Salvation / Renewal

Titus 3:5: “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so having been justified by his grace we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

3. Indwelling

1 Cor 3:16: “Don’t you know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?”

4. Resurrection

Romans 8:11: “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

5. Ministry

Luke 4:14: “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit [...]”

Acts 1:8: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

6. Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7-11: “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”