



***“You will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes upon you
and you will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth.”***

Acts 1:1-11

The PERSON of the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

**Is there a clear distinction between
the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit?**

**Is the Holy Spirit less important than
the Father and the Son?**

**How personal and how present
to us is the Holy Spirit?**

**Are we giving too much emphasis
to the Holy Spirit?**

Who is the Holy Spirit?

In Scripture the Holy Spirit is described by different symbols:

Dove: Symbol of peace, love, and gentleness; free to fly wherever it chooses.

Wind: Powerful, destroying, or challenging. Gentle, light, enjoyable, refreshing, or hardly noticeable.

Fire: Heat, energy, and power, cleansing, destructive.

Clouds: Mysterious, always moving. Hiding things, which are then suddenly revealed. Soft and gentle OR overshadowing and obscuring.

Water: Refreshing, cleansing, and life-giving. Essential for life.

Oil: Aid in cooking, producing light and energy, soothing for our bodies. Used for anointing, for consecration to God's service, for healing and sealing

Breath: Essential for our natural life.

Light: Assists us in seeing.

These symbols are ATTRIBUTES of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a **PERSON**

It is vital to know that the Holy Spirit is a **DIVINE PERSON** just as much as is Jesus and the Father.

Therefore, The Holy Spirit is worthy to receive our love, adoration, and worship.

The person of the Holy Spirit is someone whom we can trust and put our faith in.

The Holy Spirit is a person with infinite wisdom, holiness, and tenderness.

WE NEED TO INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES, WORKING IN US AND THROUGH US.

Paraclete means “one who is by our side to help us.”

To be the ME that God created we NEED a relationship with the person of the Holy Spirit.

The Distinction between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

The 3 persons have distinct personalities.

Within that they have a relationship with each other, they speak of and to one another, and they have particular roles
HOWEVER they at the same time are in TOTAL unity.

In Luke 3:21-22 when Jesus is baptized by John, there is a clear distinction between Jesus who comes out of the water, the Father who speaks affirming words from Heaven, and the Holy Spirit who descends upon Jesus in the FORM of a dove.

In John 14:16, when Jesus tells his disciples about the coming of the Spirit, there is again a clear distinction between Jesus who will ask, the Father who will answer and the Spirit of truth who will be given. “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.”

In Matthew 23:19-20, the last words Jesus speaks to his disciples clearly identify the three distinct persons: “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, and teaching them to obey everything I commanded you.”

In Acts 2:33, Peter explains to the crowds gathered for Pentecost what it is that they have just experienced: “Exalted to the right hand of God, he (Jesus) has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit.”

In John 16:5-16, Jesus tells his followers that he must go back to the Father but that the Spirit will come in his place to be with them. “Now I am going to him who sent me. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you.

The Holy Spirit

according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, is truly God. Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is inseparable from them. When the Father sends his Word, He always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. It is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals Him.

**Without the Holy Spirit you cannot know
God, you cannot love God, you cannot
live out the Will of God**

The Importance of the Holy Spirit

**The three persons of God are
equal in every way.**

The Divine attributes of the Holy Spirit:

He is Eternal

He is Omnipresent

He is Omnipotent

He is Omniscient

The Holy Spirit carries out 3 Divine Works:

He creates

He gives life

He inspires prophecy

The Holy Spirit is PERSONAL and PRESENT to US

The Holy Spirit has personal characteristics:

He has knowledge

He has will

He loves

He grieves

The Holy Spirit acts as a person:

He searches

He speaks

He calls out

He intercedes

He teaches

He leads

He commands

He appoints

He forbids

The Holy Spirit is PERSONAL and PRESENT to US

The Holy Spirit is treated like a person:

He is rebelled against
He is insulted
He is lied to
He is blasphemed against
He is resisted

The Holy Spirit has particular work to do:

He creates
He witnesses
He convicts of sin
He makes us new
He sets us free
He strengthens us
He leads us
He produces fruit
He supports all believers
He distributes gifts
He protects us
He reminds us

Can we give too much emphasis to the Holy Spirit?

Without the power of the Holy Spirit, freely at work in us, our understanding of the person of Jesus and the Father will remain limited, and we will find ourselves trying to live the Christian life without the power that God provides to make it possible.

It is not enough to know and love God the Father and Jesus the Son. We must also know and love the Holy Spirit.

We must desire the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit will wait until we invite him to come to us and take control of our lives

We must believe in Him, knowing that when we ask, He will be given. If we do not ask, we will not experience His life-changing presence.

“No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 8:16



COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, **AMEN.**