

# Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God is mentioned over 800 times in scripture.

- Did you know that the Holy Spirit shows up in the second verse of the Bible?
- Genesis 1:2 NIV “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”

In John 16:7 Jesus is comforting His disciples, explaining that He is going away and he says, you are going to grieve when I leave, but “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you”.

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- 1) The Person
- 2) The Promise
- 3) The Power
- 4) The Presence

## The Person of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate **to help you and be with you forever v. 17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it **neither sees him nor knows him**. But **you know him**, for **he lives with you and will be in you**.

- 1) The Holy Spirit is a **Person**.
- 2) The Holy Spirit is Your Helper

“... another advocate **to help you...**”

- a) Helper is a translation of the Greek word “parakletos” or the root word “paraklete”.
  - (1) The paraklete, the Holy Spirit, is the one who is called alongside of, or to be inside of the believer in Jesus.
  - (2) God the Spirit is the one who is called alongside of you and to dwell inside of you to be your Helper; very literally, to be your friend.
- b) The “paraklete” is translated in our English bibles as: advocate, counselor, comforter, intercessor.
- c) Who is the Holy Spirit? (slide)
  - i) He is our advocate --- one who can speak on our behalf
  - ii) He is our counselor --- one who can give us guidance when we don’t know which direction to take.
  - iii) He is our comforter --- one who gives us the strength to make it when we are lonely and hurting.

iv) He is our intercessor --- one who intercedes, or prays for us and through us.

3) The Holy Spirit is your source of Power.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive Power...

### **Why are so many living a power-less, Spirit-less life?**

Eph 5:18 NLT Don't be drunk with wine... Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

- They are Unaware

Acts 19:1-3 "While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There, he found some disciples, and he asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?'" v.2 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

- They are Resistant

Acts 7:51 ESV "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears **you always resist the Holy Spirit...**

### **What's the Next Step? (Slide)**

Ephesians 4:30 (Msg) Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.

1) Let go of fears and misperceptions.

Proverbs 3:5 MSG Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.

2) Go all in.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

3) Develop an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (KJV) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (Msg) The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

