

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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The Holy Spirit is **NOT** a force. He is **NOT** a source of energy. He is **NOT** something you catch. He is a **PERSON!** The Holy Spirit is the person who will never leave you nor forsake you. He is the person who empowers you to understand the words of the Holy Bible. He is the only person who knows you better than yourself.

The most important thing you need to know about the Holy Spirit is that He is a **PERSON**. When you can accept that He is a person, it will help you become **SENSITIVE** to how you think of Him, how you talk to Him, how you treat Him and how you behave in front of Him. Believing the Holy Spirit is a person will change your perception of who He is and what He does.

The Holy Spirit has emotions like human beings. However, He is **NOT** flawed like human beings. Your relationship with the Holy Spirit is the **MOST IMPORTANT**

relationship you will establish. He is the funnel from which **ALL** truth flows. He is the **ONLY** person who can lead you to Jesus. You cannot access Jesus until you **HONOR** the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches us, in John 14:6, that Jesus is the way, the **TRUTH** and the life and no one comes to the Father but by Him.

John 16:13 refers to the Holy Spirit as the "**SPIRIT OF TRUTH.**" The scripture says, "*But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will LEAD YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. He will not speak his own words, but he will speak only what he hears and he will tell you what is to come.*" Without the Holy Spirit you will not know how to get to Jesus. His Spirit guides you toward the way of truth.

ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN LEAD YOU TO
THE HOLY ONE!

Understanding the personhood of the Holy Spirit

Understanding the personhood of the Holy Spirit is knowing His **PERSONALITY**. He is the easiest person to understand. He is the kindest person with whom to talk. He is the greatest friend you can have. He will never betray, deceive or manipulate you.

He will always have your best interest at heart because He loves you. However, He is no one to play games. He is firm in what He says. He has a zero tolerance policy for sin and foolishness. He will **NOT** accept nor approve mediocrity. He will not condone evilness. He is an advocate for being righteous.

Here are some examples that will help you get a clear picture relative to the personality of the Holy Spirit:

- **HE IS A TALKER:** The Holy Spirit loves to talk. He will not speak his own words. He will only speak what He hears from Jesus. The Holy Spirit will talk to the people who have a hunger to listen. He will never be short on words because He is full of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding. (John 16:13)
- **HE THINKS:** The Holy Spirit has a mind. He is an independent thinker. He is wiser than any man on earth. As the Holy Spirit thinks and conveys His thoughts, He is planting the mind of Christ within you. (Romans 8:27)
- **HE WANTS YOUR AFFECTION:** The Holy Spirit loves us. He **GIVES** love daily. There is a difference between someone who loves you and someone who **GIVES** you love. The people who love you have a righteous attitude. However, the people who **GIVE** love are attempting to **CONNECT** with you. Since the Holy Spirit **GIVES** love, it is vital to give it back so you can establish an intimate connection with Him. The Holy Spirit desires to receive your affection. Please honor the law of

reciprocation. **GIVE TO WHAT GIVES TO YOU.**

(Romans 15:30)

- **HE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF DISCERNMENT:** The Holy Spirit knows how to disburse spiritual gifts. He knows how to distribute responsibilities. He will never put more on you than you can handle. Every gift, anointing and cross that you carry has been ordained by the Holy Spirit. He has a perfect sense of discernment. (1st Corinthians 12:11)
- **HE IS A TEACHER:** The Holy Spirit has a passion to teach. He enjoys guiding and directing your paths. Every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Holy Spirit is meant to teach you what you don't know. His advice is flawless. His counsel is perfect. The only reason the Holy Spirit has not taught you is because you are **UNWILLING** to be His student. (John 14:26)
- **HE CAN BE GRIEVED:** The things you do and words you say can make the Holy Spirit sad. He has feelings.

He is not a machine or some cosmic energy. He is a person. He feels the pain of hurtful words and disappointing actions. (Ephesians 4:30)

- **HE CAN BE TOLD A LIE:** The Holy Spirit has a comprehensive mind to understand when someone is lying to Him. He can feel the pain of disrespect and dishonor. Only people can feel the bitterness of being insulted. Remember, the Holy Spirit is a person. (Acts 5:3-11)
- **HE CAN BE RESISTED:** You cannot resist what does not exist. The Holy Spirit has a physical presence even though He is not visible. His presence carries conviction, joy, peace, comfort, wisdom, understanding, truth and so much more. When people reject what the Holy Spirit **REPRESENTS** they have resisted Him. (Acts 7:51)
- **HE LOVES TO TESTIFY:** The Holy Spirit loves to testify about the goodness of Christ. He will always speak well

about Jesus and proclaim the glory of the Lord. (John 15:26)

- **HE IS A COMFORTER:** He walks beside you. He comforts you in places of darkness. He is your protection in times of trouble. He is your guide. He is your leader and your counselor. (John 14:26)

There is a difference in who the Holy Spirit is and what He does. When you are able to be in-love with **WHO** He is, it will be easy for you to do what He says. The Holy Spirit is a person. He has a personality and a divine purpose.

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