

Person and Work of The Holy Spirit

Series: Holy Spirit

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God

- Preexistent and uncreated – just like the Son, the HS existed before everything was created (Gen 1:2, 26; Job 33:4)
- One of the Three in Godhead – the HS is neither inferior to the Father and the Son nor separated from them (Matt 3:16; Matt 28:19; John 14:16, 26; Acts 2:17, 33; 2 Cor 13:14)
- All Knowing (1 Cor 2:10-11), Present Everywhere (Psalm 139:7-11), and Eternal (Heb 9:14)

Just as the Father and the Son are active, the HS has been active in history

- Creation (Gen 1:3; Ps 104:30; Job 26:13;)
- Revelation (2 Pet 1:20-21; 2 Sam 23:2)
- Special missions (Exod 35:30-31)
- Ministry of Jesus (Matt 3:16, 12:28)

What does the Holy Spirit do now?

- Continues the salvation plan (John 14:17; Acts 2:1-11) – His work represents the Father and the Son
- Comes alongside of a believer (John 14-16)
 - To help recollect Jesus' teaching,
 - to help bear witness about Jesus,
 - to help defend one's faith,
 - to bring conviction in the hearts of believers

Internalizes Jesus Christ in people's life (Matt 1:18-20; John 3:5)

Leads believers into the whole truth (John 16:12-13; 1 Cor 2:10-13; 1 Tm 4:1-3)

Strengthens the inner man (Eph 3:16)

Spread of the Gospel and decision making (Acts 13:1-3; 16:6)

Produces fruit in the lives of believers (Gal 5:22)

Offers eschatological forgiveness "**baptism**" to those who believe in Jesus Christ (Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5)

ALL THESE ABOVE ARE part of the process of sanctification (Rom 8)

How does the Holy Spirit deal with us?

- The Holy Spirit does not overpower our personality (cf. 1 Thess 5:19; Matt 12:31), but He works in us as we provide an environment for Him
- One can stifle the work of the Holy Spirit both personally and corporately (cf. Acts 5:1-11); one can offer the Holy Spirit a complete freedom which is called "filled by the Spirit" (in other words, "be controlled by the Holy Spirit")