

What is the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit one of the 3 persons who make up God? Or is it a person who is a God like the Father and the Son? Could it be the Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Christ? There are many theories and opinions in the Christian world, but there is only one truth. Only by prayer and looking at scripture with an unbiased mind can God ever lead us to the truth. Let's begin below.

- For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your **Father** which speaketh in you. - *Matthew 10:20*
- Now the **Lord** is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. - *2 Corinthians 3:17*
- Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. - *John 14:17-18*
- For through him we have access by one Spirit unto the **Father**. - *Ephesians 2:18*
- He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given us **his** holy Spirit. - *1 Thessalonians 4:8*
- And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his **Son** into your hearts, crying abba, Father. - *Galatians 4:8*
- And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. - *Ephesians 4:30*

- For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. - *Colossians 2:5*
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of **God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of **Christ**, he is none of his. And if **Christ** be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. - *Romans 8:9-10*
- That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father** of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. - *Ephesians 1:17*
- Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put **my** spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the gentiles. - *Isaiah 42:1*
- The Spirit of the **Lord** is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. - *Luke 4:18*
- If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly **Father** give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? - *Luke 11:13*
- And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father**, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. - *Luke 23:46*

- Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. - *Luke 24:39*
- For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for **God** giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The **Father** loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. - *John 3:34-35*
- Believest thou not that I am in the **Father**, and the **Father** in me? The words I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the **Father** that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. - *John 14:10*
- And I will pray the **Father**, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but the know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. - *John 14:16-17*
- He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my **Father**, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. - *John 14:21*
- Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my **Father** will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. - *John 14:23*
- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the **Father** will send in my name, he shall teach you all things,

and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. - *John 14:26*

- But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the **Father**, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the **Father**, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. - *John 15:26-27*
- And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the **Father** hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. - *Acts 1:7-8*
- And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of **my Spirit**; and they shall prophesy: - *Acts 2:17-18*
- Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the **Father** the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. - *Acts 2:33*
- But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall

also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. - *Romans 8:11*

- For as many as are led by the Spirit of **God**, they are sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, **Father**. - *Romans 8:14-15*
- But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. - *1 Corinthians 2:10*
- Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of **God** dwelleth in you? - *1 Corinthians 3:16*
- What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are **God's**. - *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
- Grace be to you and peace from God our **Father**, and from the Lord **Jesus Christ**. Blessed be God, even the Father of our lord Jesus Christ, The **Father** of mercies, and the **God** of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. - *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*
- Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. - *2 Corinthians 3:3*

- Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, Amen. - *Galatians 6:18*
- That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his** Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded, - *Ephesians 3:16-17*
- There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, on faith, one baptism, One God and **Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. - *Ephesians 4:4-6*
- For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. - *Philippians 1:19-20*
- And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. - *1 Timothy 3:16*
- The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. - *2 Timothy 4:22*
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. - *Philemon 1:25*
- And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as

he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his Commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. - 1 John 3:23-24

- And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the **Father** that sent me. It is also written in your law, the testimony of two men is true. I am **one** that bear witness of myself, and the **Father** that sent me beareth witness of me. - John 8:16-18
- And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** - John 20:22

Scripture clearly shows that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God Himself (the Father). The Father is the God of all Comfort and so is His Son Jesus Christ. The Father is the one who gave the Holy Spirit to his only begotten Son Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is also called the "Spirit of God" and the "Spirit of Christ" because it is one spirit given by the Father as He is the life giver. The Father and the Son cannot abide in us physically, so they do it in Spirit. Jesus now gives us this Spirit if we ask for it and truly seek him. Just look at the example above where He breathed His spirit on the disciples. It is called the Holy Spirit because it is the Spirit of the one true Holy God (the Father and the Son).

What about **Matthew 28:19-20**? "*Go Ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you Always, even unto the end of the world, Amen.*" A lot of people

use these scripture to validate that the Holy Spirit is a third god, or a third person who makes up God. However, What are the three things we need as a Christian? The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. 1 John 5 explains how we need the Water, the blood, and the Spirit. Jesus is professing what we need at baptism, To accept The Father (God), To Accept the Son (God), and to accept their Holy Spirit. Notice Jesus says "**I am with you alway**", He is with us with his Holy Spirit.

What about **1 John 5:7**? *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."* This scripture would certainly put any doubt to rest about there being three separate persons or gods. However, The Seventh Day Adventist Biblical Research Institute says that 1 John 5:7 is an added text and should not be used. This is the reason why this scripture is not used as a reference for the 2nd fundamental (trinity doctrine) in the SDA denomination. You can only find that scripture in the King James and New King James Bible translations.

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*third day **he** shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry." John 6:27 - "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for **him** hath God the Father sealed."*
John 4:10 - *"Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou newest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked **him**, and **he** would have given thee living water."*

Jesus was talking about himself in the third-person in these scriptures which is something very important to keep in mind. Let's revisit John 14:16-17, but this time we'll incorporate verse 18. **John 14:16-18** - *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."* Notice how Jesus described the comforter using "he" and "him"? Then notice how Jesus finishes this thought with *"I will come to you"*. Did Jesus say "God the Holy Spirit will come to you"? No, Jesus said *"I will come to you"*.

What an incredible thought it is that Jesus Christ himself will literally come to us and live in us. We should have such a greater appreciation knowing that the one true God is directly living in us and with us, what an honor that truly is. We encourage you to study this subject for yourself, God Bless!