

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Key Verse: 1 Tim 3:16

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. The Bible teaches that He is active in our lives, a distinct person, and fully God. There is one God manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I think the term "tri-unity" more clearly indicates the "*Three-in-One*" aspect of the Godhead.

A real person has the attributes of personality, which include mind, will, and emotions. Does the Holy Spirit have a will? He distributes spiritual gifts to Christians "as He wills." Does the Holy Spirit have a mind? He "searches . . . the deep things of God" and knows them. Does the Holy Spirit have emotions? We are told to "grieve not the Holy Spirit." If the Holy Spirit can be grieved, then He has emotions. Because the Holy Spirit has a mind, a will, and emotions, we know that He is a Person.

A real person also has the capacity to have relationships with others. That's the primary reason we have mind, will, and emotions. According to [Philippians 2:1](#), the Spirit is able to have fellowship with us. According to [2 Corinthians 13:14](#), the Holy Spirit can have communion with us. One who is able to commune and to have fellowship is capable of personal relationships. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is a person.

Discussion Points

1 What are the characteristics of The Holy Spirit?

I Corinthians 2:10-11, I Corinthians 12:11, Romans 8:27, Romans 15:30 - John 15:26, 16:13, John 14:16-17, John 16:7-15

2. What personal acts are ascribed to the Holy Spirit?

Acts 13:2, Romans 8:26, I John 2:20-27. John 14:26, Acts 16:6-7, Genesis 6:3

3. How can the Holy Spirit receive treatment as a person?

Ephesians 4:30, Hebrews 10:29, Acts 5:3, Matthew 12:31-32

4. How can you personally maximise the person of the Holy Spirit today?