

What We Believe

The Holy Spirit

OT Spirit – *ruach* (400x), emphasis on the Spirit's action.

NT Spirit – *pneuma*, with emphasis on the person.

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Personality of the Holy Spirit

Mind – Spirit of understanding and knowledge, searches, teaches and guides

Will – The Spirit *forbids* and gives gifts as He *wills*

Emotions – The Spirit can be grieved and He loves

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HS relates like a Person

Can be lied to...

Can be obeyed...

Can be insulted...

Can be resisted...

HS guides, teaches, reveals, and counsels...

Is addressed with “He” pronouns... (see chart)

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Gender of Holy Spirit/God		
* <i>pneuma</i> (Spirit) is a neuter noun, though the masculine pronoun <i>ekeinos</i> can be used to refer to the Spirit (Jn 15:26; 16:13-14)		
Christianity (Order of Creation)	Liberal Christianity (Feminism)	Pantheism
He, Him, Father	She, Her, Goddess	It, Force
Reflects function, not gender	Reflects matriarchal superiority, gender	Reflects monism, not gender
Order of creation	Equal rights	Impersonal

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The Person of the Holy Spirit is distinguished from the Father and the Son

John 14:16, 26 Jesus said . . . And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever . . . But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15:26 “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send you from the Father; the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father; he will testify about me.”

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The Holy Spirit is God...

Acts 5:3-4 “But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? ...You have not lied to men but to God.”

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (cf. 1 Cor 3:16; 12:4-6)

Hebrews 9:14 “...how much more by the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God

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Holy Spirit Possesses attributes of deity...

Jn 16:13 *truth*;

Rom 8:2 *life*;

Rom 15:30 *love*;

1 Cor 2:11 *omniscience*;

Eph 4:30 *holiness*;

Hebrews 9:14 *Eternal Spirit*

Ps 139:7 *omnipresence*.

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The Holy Spirit is worshipped as God...

Council of Constantinople (381 AD)

“The council adopted the following statement: “We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified....”

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The Ministry of the Spirit to the World - Conviction

John 16:7-11 ⁷ "Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you.

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgement because the ruler of this world is judged.

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The Ministry of the Spirit in Believers...

Regenerates - Born again, eternal life, renewal, new life

Seals - guarantees final redemption, ownership

Sanctifies - a continual process where the Holy Spirit sets the believer apart and transforms him into the likeness of Christ (Jn 17:17)..... There are 3 ministries of Sanctification...

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- 1. Positional sanctification:** The Spirit positionally sets the believer apart at salvation from the world and into God's family (Col 1:13 – "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son")
- 2. Progressive sanctification:** After salvation, the Spirit continually uses our present experience to transform the believer (John 17:17)
- 3. Final sanctification:** The Spirit cleanses and washes the believer to present you faultless and without blemish to God (Eph 5:26-27; Jude 24-25 "present you faultless before the Lord")

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Ministry of the HS in Believers...

Indwells - Holy Spirit abides, and is active, in the believer (relationally). (Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19).

Baptizes - One time, *involuntary* (the exclusive work of the Spirit) to immerse the believer into the organic church body and into Christ, water baptism is *voluntary* outward sign of the spiritual reality. (1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:26-27)

Fills - A *continual* relational process of empowerment for maturity and the completion of Christian service. (Eph 5:18)

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One Body, One Spirit, One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism (Eph 4:4-6)
Three different manifestations/functions

<u>Baptism in/with the Spirit</u>	<u>Water Baptism</u>	<u>Filling of the Spirit</u>
Indwelling/Induction	Identification	Empowerment
By means of decision	By means of water	By means of yielding
Cannot be undone	Cannot be undone	Can be lost/Continual
Reality	Symbolic	Reality
Act of the Spirit	Act of the human will	Act of the Spirit
Justification/Unification	Sign of justification	Sanctification
Positional/Relational	Visual	Practical
Shows ownership	Shows obedience	Christian living/ministry
1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:26-27	Rom 6:1-10; Acts 2:38-39	Ephesians 5:18
*Occurs at salvation	Occurs after salvation	Occurs at/after salvation
For salvation sake	For conscience sake 1 Pet 3:21	For service sake Acts 2:4; 4
Did not occur to OT saints	Occurred to OT proselytes	Occurred to OT saints