



### The Spirit and the Scriptures

All Scripture is *inspired* (God-breathed) by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3v16-17

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### The Spirit gives life

Genesis 2v7

"Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being."

Ezekiel 37v1-6

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### The Spirit and Jesus

After saying this, he *breathed* on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20v22

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### The Spirit and the Church

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a *violent rushing wind* came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.

Acts 2v1-2

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"The same one who "himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things" (Acts 17:25) is the one who infuses our broken lives and communities with new and healing life through his breath, the wind of God. And so our yearning for life is then a yearning to be filled with the Spirit so that, in the language of Ezekiel, we might live."

Gordon Smith

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God.

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### The deity of the Holy Spirit

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The LORD is identified as the Holy Spirit  
2 Corinthians 3v16-18

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The Holy Spirit is an equal, yet distinct member of the Trinity  
Matthew 28v19  
2 Cor. 13v14

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Scripture equates the Holy Spirit to God  
Acts 5v3-4  
2 Samuel 23v2-3  
John 14v6

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The Holy Spirit does works only God does  
Creation - Isaiah 40v12-13  
Incarnation - Luke 1v35  
Inspiration - 2 Peter 1v21  
Regeneration - John 3v6  
Sanctification - 2 Thessalonians 2v13

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The Holy Spirit shares God's attributes  
Omnipresence - Psalm 139v7  
Omnipotence - Zechariah 4v6  
Eternality - Hebrews 9v14  
Omniscience - 1 Corinthians 2v1-10

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What evidence is there that the Holy Spirit is a person?

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"a being having intellect, sensibility, and will."  
Millard Erickson

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Attributes of the Holy Spirit having a personality:  
Intellect - 1 Corinthians 2v10-12  
Sensibility - Ephesians 4v30  
Will - 1 Corinthians 12v11

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Actions of personality:  
Teach - John 14v26  
Witness to - John 15v26  
Guide - Rom. 8v14  
Convict - John 16v7-8  
Command - Acts 8v29

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Actions of personality:

Call and sent into service — Acts 13v2-4

Intercede — Rom. 8v26

He can be insulted — Heb 10v29

He can be lied to — Acts 5v3

He can be obeyed — Acts 10v19-21

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The Holy Spirit is a person, a distinct person of Trinity, not a vague force.

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The Holy Spirit, because he is fully divine, should be shown the same respect and honor as the Father and the Son.

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God is not far off, because he has sent his Spirit to be with us.

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Do you know and believe the Holy Spirit to be God?

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