

PNEUMATOLOGY – *The Doctrine Of The Holy Spirit*

Pneumatology is derived from the Greek word *pneuma* meaning spirit, wind or breath. The Holy Spirit always speaks of and glorifies Jesus Christ. Over emphasis on the Spirit to the exclusion of the Son actually shows that a person is not being led by the Spirit. However, if we deny the Spirit's power in our lives then we will have a Christian life that is routine and dead in its function.

I. The Personality Of The Holy Spirit

A. Personal Property

1. He Possesses Intelligence - 1 Corinthians 12:8
2. He Possesses a Will - 1 Corinthians 12:11
3. He Possesses Power - Rom. 15:13, 19
4. He Possess Knowledge - 1 Corinthians. 2:10-12
5. He Possess Love - Rom. 15:30

B. Personal Pronouns - John 14:16-17, 26 The personal name of the Holy Spirit is not known. The title *Holy Spirit* is a designation or what He is; not His name. The Holy Spirit withholds His own name that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ may be exalted. Whenever the Holy Spirit is referred to in the Scriptures it is by the use of masculine personal pronouns.

C. Personal Acts

1. He speaks - *And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."* Acts 13:2
2. He Intercedes - *And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;* Romans 8:26
3. He Testifies - *"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,"* John 15:26
4. He Commands - *And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;* Acts 16:6
5. He Oversees - *"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."* Acts 20:28
6. He Guides - *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."* John 16:13
7. He Teaches - *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."* John 14:26

D. Personal Reactions

1. He may be Grieved - *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* Ephesians 4:30
2. He may be Quenched - *Do not quench the Spirit;* 1 Thessalonians 5:19
3. He may be Tested - *Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out as well."* Acts 5:9

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4. He may be Resisted - *"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. Acts 7:51*

E. Personal Relationships

1. With the Father - *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19*
2. With Christ - *"He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you. John 16:14*
3. With Christians - *"For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: Acts 15:28*

F. Personal Designations

1. The name Comforter - This is the Greek word *paraclete* which means 'one who is called to help'. *"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me, John 15:26*
2. Other Specifications
 - a. The Spirit of Promise - Ephesians 1:13
 - b. The Spirit of Might - Isaiah 11:2
 - c. Spirit of Truth - John 14:16-17

II. The Deity Of The Holy Spirit

- A. He is identified as the Old Testament Deity - Compare Jeremiah 31:33 with Hebrews 10:14-16
- B. He is called God - Acts 5:3-4, 1 Corinthians 3:16
- C. He possesses Divine Attributes
 1. Omnipotence - Luke 1:35
 2. Omniscience - 1 Corinthians 2:10
 3. Omnipresence - Psalm 139:7-10
 4. Everlastingness - Hebrews 9:14
 5. Love - Romans 15:30
 6. Holiness - Ephesians 4:30
- D. He Performs the Works of God
 1. Creation - Genesis 1:1-2, Job 33:4
 2. Regeneration - John 3:3, 5-8
 3. Resurrection - Romans 8:11
 4. Transformation - Romans 8:10
 5. Salvation - 1 Corinthians 6:11
- E. He Exercises the Sovereignty of God - 1 Corinthians 12:11, Zechariah 4:6

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit

- A. In The Old Testament - The Holy Spirit is mentioned approximately 88 times in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit is never represented as indwelling the believer. The Holy Spirit filled them, but never took His abode within them. No Old Testament saint was ever baptized with the Holy Spirit. That initial baptism came at Pentecost, fifty days after Christ arose from the dead. The Holy Spirit is seen in various ministries such as: Creation - Psalm 33:6-9; Filling men - Exodus 31:3; Guiding Israel - Numbers 11:16-17; Guiding the Judges - Judges 3:10; Guiding the Kings - I Samuel 11:6; Guiding the Priests - II Chronicles 24:20; and Guiding the Prophets - Zechariah 7:12.

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B. In The New Testament

1. The Holy Spirit's Ministry to Christ

- a. Christ's birth - Luke 1:35
- b. Christ's baptism - Luke 3:21-22
- c. Christ's testing - Luke 4:1-2
- d. Christ's anointing - Acts 10:38
- e. Christ's teaching - John 3:34
- f. Christ's miracles - Matthew 12:28
- g. Christ's death - Hebrews 9:14
- h. Christ's resurrection - Romans 8:11
- i. The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ - John 16:14
- j. The Holy Spirit Witnesses to Christ - Acts 5:30-32
- k. The Holy Spirit Enthrones Christ - I Corinthians 12:3

2. The Holy Spirit's Ministry to the world

- a. Conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment - *"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*
John 16:8
- b. Regeneration - *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.*
Titus 3:5
- c. Hindrances of evil - 2 Thessalonians 2:7

3. The Holy Spirit's Ministry to the Church

- a. Baptizing - The Spirit's baptism is the operation by which the Church is constituted. *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.* 1 Corinthians 12:13
- b. Building - *...in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.*
Ephesians 2:22
- c. Administering - Acts 13:2; Acts 20:28

4. The Holy Spirit's Ministry to the Believer

- a. Beginning in the Spirit (regeneration) - *Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?* Galatians 3:3
- b. Indwelling - *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. John 14:17 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.* Rom 8:9
- c. Sealing - *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.* Ephesians 1:13
- d. As an earnest or pledge - *who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.*
2 Corinthians 1:22
- e. Filling - *And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.*
Acts 4:31 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*
Ephesians 5:18

The filling of the Spirit has to do with the life and work of the Christian, by which he is empowered to do that which is commanded by the Lord. To be filled with the Spirit means to be

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controlled by the Spirit. It is not how much of the Holy Spirit you have, but how much of you the Holy Spirit has.

- f. Fruits of the Spirit - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* Galatians 5:22
 - g. Gifts of the Spirit - I Corinthians 12:1, 8-11; Heb 2:3-4; I Corinthians 12:28-30; Eph 4:11
 - h. Worship by the Spirit - *for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.* Philippians 3:3
 - i. Teaching - *For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.* 1 Corinthians 2:10
5. The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures
- a. Inspiration - *for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.* 2 Peter 1:21 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;* 2 Timothy 3:16
 - b. Enlightenment – *For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ...the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, ...the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God...* 1 Corinthians 2:10-14