

The Person

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HOLY SPIRIT

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The Trinity: God is one in essence and three in Person with equal divine attributes...

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

"Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?... You have not lied to men, but to God." (Acts 5:3, 4b)

Some common erroneous teachings regarding the Trinity...

- Tritheism: there are three gods.
- Arianism: the Father is God who created the Son who created the Spirit.
- Sabellianism: one God who manifests Himself in three modes.

"And I (Jesus) will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16-

17a)

The Holy Spirit is a “He/Person”, not an “it/impersonal force” – *“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me.” (John 15:26)*

- He has **knowledge** (1 Cor. 2:11)
- He has **emotions** (Rom. 15:30; Eph. 4:30)
- He has a **will** (1 Cor. 12:11)
- He **speaks** (Rev. 2:7)
- He **intercedes** (Rom. 8:26)

His role in helping you start the Christian life...

- ***He initiates your salvation**** – *“When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me...” (John 16:8-9)*

- ***He secures your salvation*** – *“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of His glory.” (Eph. 1:13-14)*

The gift of having a relationship with the Triune God...

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)