

Help! Part 3 HE IS A PERSON

John 16:7 (AMP)

⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

Acts 2:17-21 (TPT)

¹⁷ 'This is what I will do in the last days^[a]—I will pour out^[b] my Spirit on everybody and cause your sons and daughters to prophesy, and your young men will see visions,^[c] and your old men will experience dreams from God.^[d] ¹⁸ The Holy Spirit will come upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will reveal startling signs and wonders in the sky above and mighty miracles on the earth below. Blood and fire and pillars of clouds^[e] will appear. ²⁰ For the sun will be turned dark^[f] and the moon blood-red before that great and awesome appearance of the day of the Lord. ²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord^[g] will be saved.'

The Holy Spirit helps us think what God thinks, desire what God desires, and feel what God feels!

- The mind, will, and emotions of the Holy Spirit are what distinguish Him as a person
- He exhibits the marks of personality making God relatable to people

1. He has a mind: He knows everything so ask Him what He thinks

John 16:13a (AMP)

¹³ But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth].

2. He has a will

- **EVERYONE** can hear God now

Acts 2:17a

I will pour out^[b] my Spirit on everybody...

- All flesh means me and you
- I can hear God WITH you but not FOR you. God (Jesus) came so He could have a personal relationship with you

- You can't have a personal relationship with someone through someone else ("Will you ask Amy where she wants to go on vacation?" "Will you ask Amy how many kids she wants to have?")
- Will you ask God what His will is for my life? Nope, you ask Him! ***Jeremiah 29:13-** "When you come looking for me, you'll find me. "Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed."*)

○ **Knowing His will begins with knowing His ways (The Word)**

2 Timothy 3:16 (TPT)

¹⁶ Every Scripture^[a] has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness.

- He connects what you experience with what God says (The Word)
- He reveals God's SPECIFIC will in light of God's GENERAL Will
- He never will contradict the Word
- This is what the Word says, but how I do apply it to this situation?
- The Scripture can be experienced through relationship with the Holy Spirit ("I [Jesus] have many things to tell you but when the Holy Spirit comes, He will speak to you!")

Romans 8:26-28 (AMP)

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes [before God] on behalf of ^[a] God's people in accordance with God's will. ²⁸ And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.

3. He has emotions

Galatians 5:22-23 (TPT)

²²⁻²³ But the fruit^[a] produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions:^[b] joy that overflows,^[c] peace that subdues, patience^[d] that endures, kindness^[e] in action, a life full of virtue,^[f] faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit.^[g] Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.^[h]

- These are characteristics of a person not a thing
- He feels joy and grief

Ephesians 4:25-32 (TPT)

²⁵ So discard every form of dishonesty and lying so that you will be known as one who always speaks the truth, for we all belong to one another. ²⁶ But don't let the passion of your emotions^[a] lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge, not for even a day. ²⁷ Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you! ²⁸ If any one of you has stolen from someone else, never do it again. Instead, be industrious, earning an honest living, and then you'll have enough to bless those in need. ²⁹ And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts^[b] that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them. ³⁰ The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life [Aramaic text reads "do not limit His scope."] ³¹ Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. ³² But instead be kind^[d] and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

- Paul lists here what grieves the Holy Spirit: Sin (i.e. anything less than God's best.
- Sin grieves the Holy Spirit. His first name is Holy!
- If you want to grieve the Holy Spirit, begin mistreating people and talking about them
- Aramaic for Grieve: "Do not limit His scope."

Object Lesson: Use a telescope set up backwards showing how we limit the Holy Spirit's scope. Look through the large end and things that are close look far away. When you look in the right end, it brings things far away close in close view. He immerses us into God, enabling us to experience the holiness and the wonder of God. Jesus paid the price and the Holy Spirit floods us with holiness and wonder.

- Sin hurts you; the Holy Spirit loves you. He doesn't want you to be hurt. Jesus saved you from the eternal consequences and the present power of sin. The Holy Spirit enforces that victory
- He isn't a prude keeping you from having fun. He experiences the feeling of grief when intimacy with us is lost
- You don't lose your salvation when you sin, but you can lose intimacy. ...His scope is limited
- We stiff arm Him when He wants to repair intimacy (like putting the cap over the lens of the telescope. It's pointed in the right direction, but we can't see a thing) but we ask to hear Him when we need help. Intimacy is developed through personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- In-to me-He sees AND In-to Him-I see

Romans 13:11-14 TPT

¹¹ To live like this is all the more urgent, for time is running out and you know it is a strategic hour in human history. It is time for us to wake up! For our full salvation^[e] is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² Night's darkness is dissolving away as a new day of destiny

dawns.^[f] So we must once and for all strip away what is done in the shadows of darkness, removing it like filthy clothes.^[a] And once and for all we clothe ourselves with the radiance of light as our weapon. ¹³ We must live honorably,^[h] surrounded by the light of this new day, not in the darkness of drunkenness^[i] and debauchery,^[j] not in promiscuity and sensuality,^[k] not being argumentative or jealous of others. ¹⁴ Instead fully immerse yourselves into^[l] the Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, and don't waste even a moment's thought on your former identity to awaken its selfish desires.

Response:

REPENT: from wrong thinking and believing about the Holy Spirit

ASK: your Heavenly Father to baptize/fill you with the Holy Spirit.

RECEIVE: the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith