

# The Divine Resident

*Understanding the Person of the Holy Spirit*

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever... You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. — **John 14:16–17 (ESV)**



# More Than an Influence

The Holy Spirit is frequently misunderstood—reduced to an emotion, a fleeting experience, or a movement. Scripture corrects this by presenting Him as fully God, faithfully sent by Christ, and fundamentally active.

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**“The Holy Spirit is not an influence to be felt, but a Person to be obeyed.”**

— David Jeremiah

Sometimes we Baptists have been so afraid of strange fire that we have not drawn near to the fire of God.

— Jack McGorman, SWBTS





# Personhood, Presence, Parity

## He Is a Person, Not a Force

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These are not the traits of an impersonal power source, but of a divine Person. He is not electricity; He is a being with intellect, emotion, and will.



**He Speaks**



**He Teaches**



**He Leads**



**He Can Be  
Grieved**





# Form vs. Function

**This lamp has form but no function.**

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Many view the Spirit like electricity—useful but impersonal. However, the Bible reveals **He is God to be known, not just power to be used.**

**A lamp without a bulb is merely a decoration; a believer without the Spirit has religion but no life.**



# Fully God, Not Inferior

**Matthew 28:19** - Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**2 Corinthians 13:14** - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**“The Holy Spirit is not a divine substitute, but a divine equal.” — Charles Ryrie**



# The Promise of the Helper

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## Promise, Paraclete, Power

The coming of the Spirit was not an afterthought. It was a central component of Jesus' teaching to His disciples.

**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 have said to you.  
— John 14:26 (ESV)**

# Heaven's Spotlight

The Holy Spirit is Heaven's Spotlight.

You don't applaud a spotlight; you applaud what it reveals. When the Spirit is truly at work, Jesus Christ is the focus.

He teaches truth, convicts hearts, and empowers believers—always to glorify Jesus, never Himself.





# He Glorifies the Son

He will not speak  
on his own  
authority...  
He will glorify  
Me.  
— John 16:13-14  
(ESV)

***“The Holy Spirit does not  
compete with Christ for  
attention; He completes  
Christ’s work in us.”  
– David Jeremiah***

If a spiritual movement draws attention away from Christ, it is not led by the Spirit.



# The Progression of Presence

From Coming Upon to Living Within

Temporary &  
Selective

Total &  
Saturating

Be  
FILLED!

Old Testament  
Experience

New Testament  
Reality



# Old Testament (The Visitor)

Came upon individuals for specific tasks and seasons.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
— Psalm 51:11



# New Testament (The Resident)

Permanently indwells every believer.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.  
— Romans 8:9



In the Old Testament, the Spirit was a **visitor**. In the New Testament, He became a **resident**—and **He never** moved out.



# The Living Temple



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own.  
— 1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)

**“The indwelling Spirit is not a ‘second blessing’ for an elite few; it is the defining mark of a true believer.”**

What was once external and occasional is now internal and continual. — *John MacArthur*



# The Spirit Within Us

*He is not a wind you chase,  
Nor a feeling you try to define,  
But God Himself in person  
With Holy Fire He refines.*

*Jesus promised His coming help,  
A Comforter so near,  
To guide our steps, teach our hearts,  
And make the Savior clear.*



# A Prayer for Filling

O Spirit, holy, true, and near,  
We yield our lives to Thee—  
Sealed for heaven, only God we fear,  
You help and hear our daily plea.

Holy Spirit, come and fill us with God's love  
With power and purity flowing from above  
May we not grieve you or quench your fire  
Restore our first love, refresh when we tire.





The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of golden wheat stalks. In the upper right corner, a portion of a bright sun is visible, with rays extending across the top of the frame. The overall color palette is warm and natural, dominated by the yellows and oranges of the wheat and the pale blue of the sky.

**Help us repent, we need you to revive,  
Give true freedom, make us abundantly alive.**

The Divine Resident is here not just to comfort, but to empower.

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