

The Role OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

DEFINITIONS

Holy Spirit

Secular: The third person of the Christian Trinity.

Biblical: The third person of the Trinity, equal in form, substance, position, and power with God the Father and Jesus Christ. He has been sent by the Father to dwell within the hearts of believers and to actively work within the world to bring to completion the work begun on the cross by Jesus. He continually works to bring sinners to repentance, empowers believers to their heavenly tasks, and sanctifies believers to be like Christ.

KEY VERSE

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

- John 16:12-15

KEY VERSE

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you, 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 14:25-26

KEY VERSE

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."

- Ephesians 1:13-14

KEY VERSE

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

- John 14:15-17

Attributes

O F T H E H O L Y S P I R I T

T H E H O L Y S P I R I T I S F U L L Y G O D

- He is equal with God and Jesus in substance
- He is equal with God and Jesus in position
- He is equal with God and Jesus in power
- He is equal with God and Jesus in authority

T H E H O L Y S P I R I T I S A U N I Q U E P E R S O N

- He is one with God not 1/3 of God
- He has a unique mission
- He has a unique function
- He has a unique manifestation

T H E H O L Y S P I R I T S U B M I T S T O T H E F A T H E R ' S W I L L

- He submits to the Father and Jesus willingly
- He is equal in all ways with the Father and Jesus
- He enjoys perfect unity with the Father and Jesus
- He has taken the role of submission, not subjection

T H E H O L Y S P I R I T I N T H E M O D E R N W O R L D

- He is actively present in this world
- He is present in the hearts of believers
- He stretches believer's understanding of God
- He directs believers in doing ministry
- He brings unbelievers to faith in Jesus

T H E H O L Y S P I R I T ' S A C T I V E W O R K I N Y O U R L I F E I S E V I D E N T I N . . .

- Salvation
- Sanctification
- Preparation/Teaching
- Victory over sin
- Understanding Scripture
- Effective ministry
- God-glorifying testimony