

The Holy Spirit

(1) Who He is and (2) What He does!

I. The Holy Spirit is a Person -- This is demonstrated by the fact that::

1--He is referred to by personal pronouns "He" & "Who" instead of "it " and "what."

The Point is . . . The Holy Spirit is a person (not a force or energy but a person who thinks, feels, and makes choices)! Therefore, He is personally involved in our lives and we grieve Him when we sin!

2--He possesses characteristics of personality:

Intellect (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Emotion (Ephesians 4:30)

Will (1 Corinthians 12:11)

3--He does what only a person can do:

He created (Genesis 1:2)

He teaches (John 14:26)

He testifies (John 15:26)

He convinces (John 16:7-8)

He intercedes (Romans 8:26)

He speaks (Mark 13:11b; Acts 13:2).

He warns (1 Timothy 4:1).

He comforts (John 14:16).

4--He is treated as a person

He is blasphemed (Matthew 12:31)

He is lied to (Acts 5:3,9)

He is resisted (Acts 7:51)

He is grieved (Ephesians 4:30)

II. The Holy Spirit is God

1--He is identified as God (Acts 5:3,4)

“you have lied to the Holy Spirit What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

2--He possesses divine attributes (characteristics):

**Eternality (Hebrews 9:14)
Omniscience (1Cor 2:10-22)
Omnipresence (Psalm 137:7)
Holiness (Luke 11:13)
Truth (1 John 5:6)
Life-giver (Romans 8:2)**

3--He bears the titles of deity. He is called the Spirit of:

**God (Genesis 1:2)
Lord (Luke 4:18)
Christ (Romans 8:9)
Jehovah (Judges 3:10)
Living God (2 Corinthians 3:3)**

4--He performs works which only God can do:

**Creation (Genesis 1:2)
New birth (John 3:6)
Revelation (Luke 2:26; 1 Peter 1:12)
Direction (2 Peter 1:21)**

III. Focus of His Ministry

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit exalts Jesus--not Himself.

John 15:26; John 16:13