1 – Who Is The Holy Spirit?

**Acts 1:4-8; 2:36-41**

2 - **The Holy Spirit In The Life Of Christ**

* **The Holy Spirit bore witness that Jesus is the Messiah**. (John 1:32-34)
* **Jesus bore witness that the Holy Spirit is God**. (Matthew 12:31)
* **Jesus promised the Comforter**, the Holy Spirit **to the Apostles**. (John 14:16)

3 - **The Promise Of The Holy Spirit To The Apostles**

* *“He will* ***teach*** *you all things, and* ***bring to your remembrance*** *all I said to you.”* (John 14:26)
* *“He will* ***testify*** *about Me.”* (John 15:26)
* *“He will* ***guide*** *you into all the truth…”* (John 16:13)

4 - **The Holy Spirit in the book of Acts**

* **Orders** to the apostles. (1:2; cf., Luke 24:44-47)
* **Promised** that the Holy Spirit would come upon the apostles & that they’d **receive power**. (1:4-8; Luke 24:48-49)
* Jesus told them to *“****receive*** *the* ***Holy Spirit***”… ***“not many days from now”***. (John 20:22; cf., Acts 1:5)

5 - **The Holy Spirit in the book of Acts**

* The **Holy Spirit is outpoured** on the apostles
(2:1-10) giving them utterance in foreign languages of “***the mighty deeds of God***”. (2:11)
* Fulfilling OT prophecy (2:16-21), “…***this is that***…” (ASV)
* *“Everyone who* ***calls on the name of the Lord will be saved****.”* (2:21)

6 - **Who Is The Holy Spirit?**

* Part of the **Godhead**. (Genesis 1:26; 3:22; Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20; “*divine nature*”; Colossians 2:9; “*deity*”)
* **Distinct** in personality. (John 14:16-17, 26; Matt. 28:18-20)
* **All present**… (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20; Romans 15:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
* … and **called God**. (1 Corinthians 8:6; Titus 2:13; Acts 5:3-4)

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8 - **The “Person” of The Spirit**

**Characteristics**:

* He has a **mind & knowledge**. (1 Corinthians 2:11;
* He has a **will**. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
* He has **judgment**. (Acts 15:28-29)
* He communicates **- speaks, hears, testifies**.
(1 Timothy 4:1; Romans 8:16; John 14:26; 16:13)

9 - **The “Person” of The Spirit**

**He is divine**:

* **Role in creation**. (Genesis 1:1, 26; Psalms 104:30)
* **Power over demons**. (Matthew 12:28)
* **Source of revelation** of the **mind of God**.
(1 Peter 1:12; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; John 14:26; 16:13; Eph. 3:3-5)
* Divinely **powerful**. (Romans 15:13; 1:16)
* He **leads/forbids/guides**. (Acts 16:6-7; John 16:13)
* He establishes **ALL TRUTH**! (John 16:13)

10 - **The person of the Holy Spirit gives us a choice**

* **He commands & forbids.** (Acts 13:2; 16:6)
* **He can be lied to**. (Acts 5:3)
* **He can be grieved**. (Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10;
cf., Mark 14:34;)
* **He can be insulted/despised (ASV)/outraged (ESV)**. (Hebrews 10:29; cf., 2 Peter 2:10)
* **He can be blasphemed.** (Matthew 12:31-32; Lev. 24:16)
* **He can be resisted**. (Acts 7:51)

12 - **The Fellowship of The Spirit**

One of the rhetorical questions found in Philippians 2:1 include ***“if there is any fellowship of the Spirit…”***

Paul closes the second letter to the Corinthians saying in part, ***“the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all.”*** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

How do we have ***“the fellowship of the Spirit”?***