

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT...

A pair of hands is shown holding a black Bible. The Bible is held upright, and the cover is visible. The text on the cover is written in white. The word 'Holy' is in a large, elegant script font, with 'THE' in a smaller, sans-serif font above it. Below 'Holy' is the word 'SPIRIT?' in a bold, sans-serif font.

<sup>THE</sup> Holy  
SPIRIT?

## FALSE IDEAS

"Divine Science"<sup>1</sup>      "magnetism"<sup>2</sup>

"electricity"<sup>2</sup>      "divine fluid"<sup>2</sup>

"impersonal energy"<sup>2</sup>

"...the holy spirit is the active force of God.  
**It is *not a person*** but is a **powerful force**  
**that God causes to emanate from himself**  
to accomplish his holy will."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Eddy, Mary Baker, p. 55.

<sup>2</sup> Pratt, Parley (per Jackson. 1993. p. 26.)

<sup>3</sup> Watchtower. *Reasoning from the Scriptures*. 1985. p. 81. All emp. added.

## JOHN 16:4-15

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"...if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **HIM** to you. And when **HE** has come, **HE** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment...  
[W]hen **HE**, the Spirit of truth has come,

## JOHN 16:4-15

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"**HE** will guide you into all truth; for **HE** will not speak on **HIS** own authority, but whatever **HE** hears **HE** will speak; and **HE** will tell you things to come. **HE** will glorify Me, for **HE** will take of what is Mine and declare it to you" (7b,8,13,14).

# THE IDENTITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## ACTIVELY, THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS SAID TO:

<b>MOVE</b>	GEN. 1:2b
<b>REST UPON MEN/ COME UPON MEN</b>	NUM. 11:25,26; 24:2; JUDG. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; <i>et al.</i>
<b>STIR (MEN)</b>	JUDGES 13:25
<b>DEPART (FROM MEN)</b>	1 SAM. 16:14
<b>SPEAK THRU MEN</b>	2 SAM. 23:2; NEH. 9:30; ZECH.
<b>CARRY MEN</b>	1 KGS. 18:12 (cp. 2 KGS. 2:16)
<b>INSTRUCT</b>	1 CHRON. 28:12; NEH. 9:20
<b>SEND (MEN)</b>	ISAIAH 48:16
<b>LIFT (MEN) UP</b>	EZEK. 3:2,12,14,24; 8:3; 11:1,24
<b>FILL (MEN) WITH POWER</b>	MICAH 3:8

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<b>SPEAK</b>	MATT. 10:20; 1 TIM. 4:1
<b>BEAR WITNESS</b>	JOHN 15:26
<b>TEACH</b>	JN. 14:26; 1 COR. 2:13
<b>GUIDE, HEAR, DECLARE</b>	JOHN 16:13
<b>SEND</b>	ACTS 10:20
<b>FORBID</b>	ACTS 16:6
<b>WILL</b>	1 COR. 12:11
<b>SEARCH, KNOW</b>	1 COR. 2:11
<b>HELP, LOVE</b>	ROM. 8:2; 15:30
<b>FORBID</b>	ACTS 16:6
<b>MOVE MEN</b> (inspiration)	2 PETER 1:21



# THE IDENTITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**PASSIVELY, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE:**

<b>SPOKEN AGAINST</b>	MATT. 12:32
<b>BLASPHEMED</b>	MARK 3:29
<b>LIED TO</b>	ACTS 5:3
<b>GRIEVED</b>	ISA. 63:10; EPH. 4:30
<b>RESISTED</b>	ACTS 5:3
<b>INSULTED</b>	HEB. 10:29

*So what does the Holy Spirit do?*

*How does He operate?*

*What is His role?*

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**First, let's look at some  
things the Holy Spirit  
does NOT do.**



1. THE HOLY  
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NOT PERFORM  
MIRACLES TODAY.

# THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## MARK 16:20

“And they went forth, and  
preached everywhere...  
**confirming the word by  
the signs that followed.”**

# THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-10

"As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For...**when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall pass away.**"

**2. THE HOLY  
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### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

"For *in one Spirit* we were all baptized into one body..."

### EPHESIANS 5:26

"...that he might sanctify [the church], having cleansed it by the washing of *water* with **the word**."

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 4:15

“For I became your father in Christ Jesus *through the gospel...*”

### ROMANS 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of *the gospel*, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to *everyone* who believes...”



**3. THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT PROVIDE "SPECIAL ILLUMINATION" FOR SELECT PERSONS.**

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### **MATTHEW 10:19,20**

"...do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for **what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.**

*For it is not you who speak, but **the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.***"

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### JOHN 14:26

"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.**"

## LUKE 22:7ff

“And when the hour [to observe the Passover] came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and **the apostles with him**. And **he said to them**...” (8,13-15).

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom

The promise of the Holy Spirit’s coming to ***directly influence/“illuminate”*** (cf. Jn. 14:15-17; 16:7-14; Acts 1:3,4) was given ***exclusively*** to **“the apostles whom [Jesus] had chosen”** (Acts 1:2b). As such, **it applies to no one else** (cp. Acts 1:1-5 & 2:1-4).

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### EPHESIANS 3:1-5

"...I Paul, ...in behalf of you Gentiles, if so be that you have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God *which was given me to you-ward*; how that by revelation the mystery *was made known unto me*—as I wrote before in few words—whereby, **WHEN YOU READ THIS**, *you can perceive my insight...*, which...hath now been *revealed unto his holy **apostles and prophets in the Spirit...***"

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## EPHESIANS 5:17

"Therefore do not be *foolish*,  
but ***understand what the  
will of the Lord is.***"

YOU READ THIS, you can perceive my insight...,  
which...hath now been *revealed unto his holy  
apostles and prophets in the Spirit...*"



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## OK, SO WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTUALLY DO??

Everything the NT says the Holy Spirit does *today*, can be accomplished **THROUGH THE WRITTEN WORD**—with *one exception* (Rom. 8:26).

However, the Holy Spirit can accomplish the action of this exception **FROM HEAVEN**.

All things considered, the *Scriptures* provide **no basis for the belief that the Holy Spirit does anything from "inside" the Christian.**

## 2 PETER 1:2-4

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you *in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord*, as **His divine power has given to us ALL THINGS that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which *have been given to us exceeding great and precious promises*, that **THROUGH THESE you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

# THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## THE GODHEAD IN GENERATION OF MAN

FATHER—**INITIATOR** (GEN. 1:1)

WORD—**IMPLEMENTOR** (JN. 1:3; COL. 1:16)

SPIRIT—**INTEGRATOR** (GEN. 1:2)

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FATHER—**INITIATOR** (GEN. – MATT.)

"SON"—**IMPLEMENTOR** (MATT. – JOHN)

SPIRIT—**INTEGRATOR** (ACTS – REV. [*and Beyond*])