



# THE SPIRIT OF GOD

## Bible Study Pathways Lesson 7

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Understanding is the 3rd member of the Godhead is one of the most difficult subjects and one that many people have a hard time with.

Some think that He is like an invisible “force”; others think He is nothing but a figure of speech. But the Bible testifies to the fact that the Holy Spirit is a real being, with a personality – just like God the Father has!

What qualities does the Bible list of the Holy Spirit that give evidence of a “personal” existence and His role in the Plan of Salvation?



**Gen 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.



The Bible says that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was involved with the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.



**Job 33:4** The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.



Who does the Bible say made us? \_\_\_\_\_



**John 16:13-15** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. [See also Acts 1:16]



The Bible says that the Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ you into \_\_\_\_\_. It also shows that He has foreknowledge and can also “speak.”



**Acts 8:29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

**Acts 16:6-7** Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. [See also Acts 11:12; 13:2-4; 10:19-20]



So the Holy Spirit can give “commands” & sometimes He “forbids”.



**Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

[See also Acts 8:39]



Here in Acts, the Bible says that the Holy Ghost can perform miracles.



**Acts 1:5-8** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.



Here in Acts, the Bible says that the Holy Ghost has the ability to give us power to tell the world about the gospel



**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.



The Bible tells us that the Holy Ghost is the one who makes us \_\_\_\_\_.



This means that the Holy Spirit can "appoint" people to certain positions.



**Isaiah 63:10** But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.



The Bible says that the Holy Spirit can be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ away – and that He is the One who seals us with God's seal.



**Hebrews 10:29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? **[Mark 3:29]**



Here the Bible says that if we reject the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us, we actually insult the Holy Spirit! This is serious when a person insults the One who is his only means of obtaining God's seal!

**Acts 15:28** For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;



**Romans 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

[See also 1 Cor. 2:10-11]



The Bible says that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us, and that He has a \_\_\_\_\_.



**1 Corinthians 12:11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.



So the Holy Spirit, or Holy Ghost, has His own will!



**Acts 28:25** And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, [Acts 7:51; 2 Peter 1:21]



So the Holy Spirit not only was involved with the creation of our planet, He has been intimately involved with mankind ever since - guiding them into the truth!



**Romans 15:30** Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;



As we have seen, the Holy Spirit is a real, personal being and, as an important member of the heavenly trio, He loves us and is seeking to guide and direct us to God.



**Revelation 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.



Revelation says that the \_\_\_\_\_ is inviting us to drink from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life.

## CONCLUSION

Won't you accept the Holy Spirit's invitation and open your heart so that He can come guide you into all truth and transform your character into a character that reflects the character of Christ?