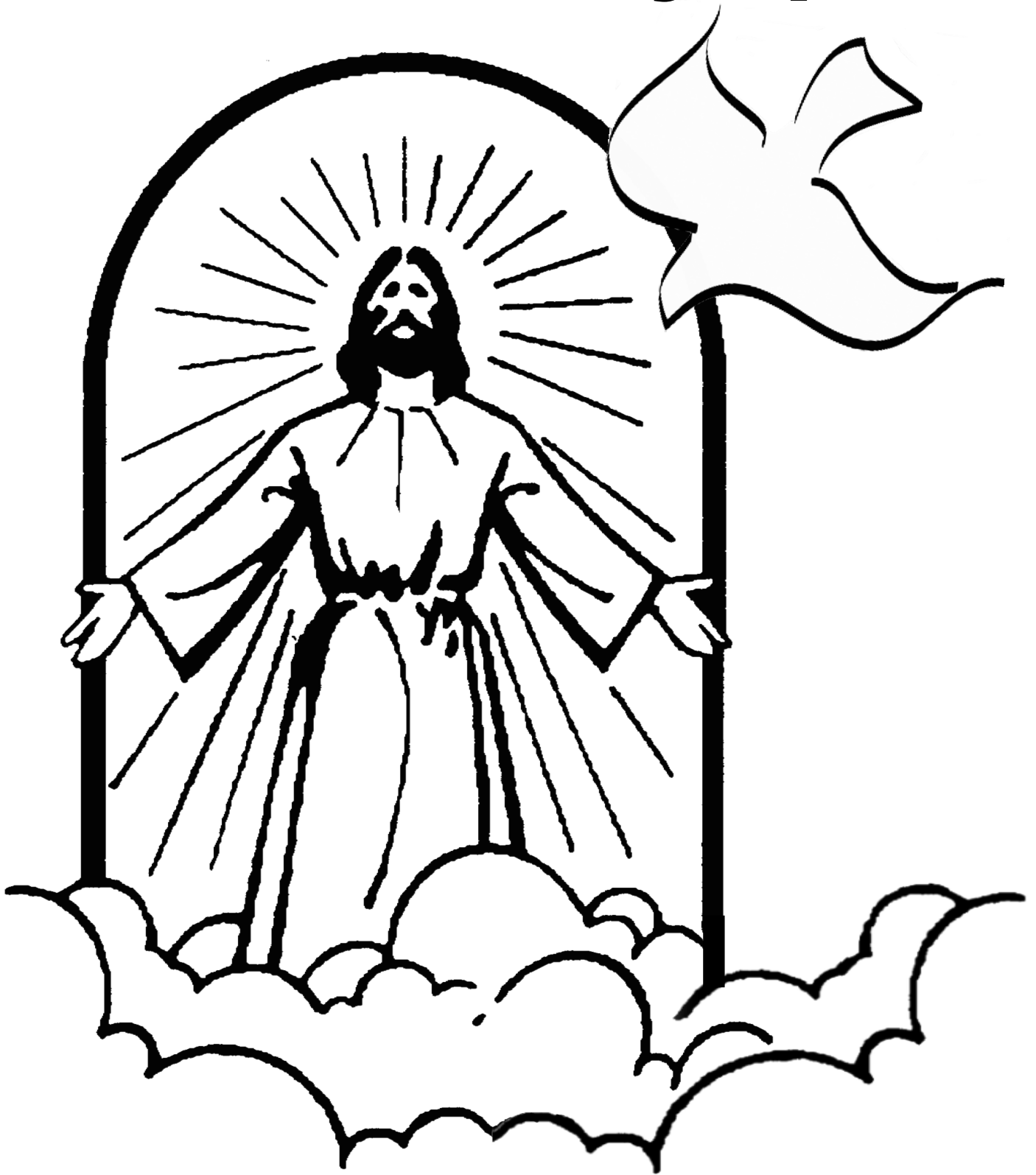


Who Is The Holy Spirit?



An Answer For All Believers

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Who Is Jesus Christ?

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John 16:13-14

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Wow. So much in just two verses!

But wait! Isn't the Holy Spirit referred to as "It" in John, 1 Peter and Romans?

John 1:32

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, **and It abode upon him.**

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, **when It testified** beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Romans 8:26

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.

Well this proves that the Holy Spirit is not a person ... right?

I mean if the Bible calls the Holy Spirit an IT, It can't be a person. Or can It? In actuality this Greek word is used almost 6,000 times in the New Testament - most of the time being rendered as him[self].

However here the Greek word "autos" (pronounced *ow-tos*) is rendered properly, as the word for Spirit here is neuter (denoting no gender). In 3347 out of 5787 occurrences of the Greek word "autos" is translated as him, his, he or himself. This word can also be translated as their, they, her, same and 1679 times it's A miscellaneous word - such as "itself".

The word "Itself" in the English language can easily be used to describe a person - such as: "Who is it? It is John!" or "Did you see the baby? Yes, wasn't it cute?" The Webster's 1967 Collegiate Dictionary defines "it" as "a PERSON or animal whose gender is unknown or disregarded." The Father and the Son are clearly masculine, but the Spirit is sometimes referred to as masculine and sometimes as neuter, not because He is neuter, but rather because the gender is disregarded or not taken into account in that particular context. (Most information in this paragraph taken from <http://www.balaams-ass.com/journal/resource/kjvhlysp.htm>)

Please also note in these verses that The Spirit testifies, bears witness and makes intercession for us. No force or power can testify. No force or power can bear witness. No force or power can make intercession for us, or even groan words that can't be uttered. These are ALL things that a person does.

But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **1 Corinthians 2:13-14**

So Who Is The Holy Spirit?

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Right at the beginning Jesus identifies the Spirit of Truth as a "He". Not an "it". These are the words of Jesus Christ Himself!! Jesus also tells us that the Spirit of Truth will guide us, shall speak to us and refrain from speaking certain things. He will show us things, He will receive those who belong to Jesus Christ and, most importantly, He will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ!

Some translators point out that the word for the Spirit in John 16:13, parakletos, is a masculine word in Greek. And some translators say that shouldn't dictate a male rendering of the reference to the Holy Spirit. If that were the only factor to be taken into translation, that might hold water. But the context of the sentences and words around the "He" and "Himself" need to be taken into account to understand who the Holy Spirit is.

As the Spirit of Truth, who guides us into ALL Truth, the Holy Spirit must have an intellect in order to guide us and a morality to guide us into all Truth. He speaks, according to Jesus and one of the things He speaks about are the things to come. Another thing He speaks about is glorifying Jesus Christ in word and in deed.

So just who *IS* the Holy Spirit? Well, as we see above, He is the Spirit of Truth. Can the Holy Spirit be God though - in unity with Jesus Christ and the Father? Does that make three gods that most (if not all) of Christendom worships? The short answer is no. God has revealed His Spirit as God in the story below of Ananias and Sapphira.

Act 5:1-11

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy *to it*, and brought a certain part, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out,

and buried *him*.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.

And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Wow. Again. You lied to the Holy Ghost, Ananias, and you didn't lie to men - but to God Himself! This clinches it for me ... but in case I don't believe what God said here is enough, He gives me an abundance of evidence throughout His Word. Evidence that the Holy Spirit is God. To delve into this evidence we must first to keep in mind God's claim to glory. He will *not* share His glory with another!

Isaiah 42:8

I [am] the LORD: that [is] My name: and My

glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images. (See also 48:11)

Who Makes Us Alive?

John 5:21

For as **the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them;** even so **the Son quickeneth whom He will.**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us together with Christ,** (by grace ye are saved;)

Romans 4:17

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him whom he believed, even **God, who quickeneth the dead,** and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

1 Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam (Christ) was made a quickening spirit.**

Romans 8:11

But if **the Spirit of Him** that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit** that dwelleth in you.

Who brings us to spiritual life? Well according to John, Ephesians and Romans we see that God the Father has brought us to spiritual life. And in John and 1 Corinthians we find that in Christ we're made alive. Then in Romans we see the Holy Spirit quickens us. So to whom should we give the glory to? The Father God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit?

If they all bring us to life, they are all doing what only God can do.

Who Knows Everything?

1 John 3:20

For if our heart condemn us, **God** is greater than our heart, and **knoweth all things.**

Psalms 147:4-5

He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by *their* names. Great is **our Lord,** and of great power: **His understanding is infinite.**

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; **I am God,** and *there is* none like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things**

that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed *them* unto us by His Spirit: for **the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

In 1 John, Psalms and Isaiah God tells us that He knows ALL things. Then in 1 Corinthians God tells us that the Spirit knows EVERYTHING that God knows! The omniscience of The Father and the Spirit are, again, something that only God can have. Why would God who said "I will not give My glory unto another." (Isaiah 48:11) share His glory with the Holy Spirit, if the Holy Spirit is LESS than He is? Or with His son, Jesus Christ - If His son is not God - but is A god as well? If they both know everything, they are both being what only God can be. God.

Who Is Everywhere?

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: **for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

Jerimiah 23:23-24

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. **Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.**

Isaiah 66:1

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where

is the house that ye build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest?

Psalm 139:7

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

Hebrews 13:5,8

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Who can be everywhere? God alone is omnipresent. Omnipresent's definition is "present everywhere at the same time." We can see that Yahweh claims to be everywhere at once, yet in Psalm 139:7 the rhetorical question is asked, "Where can I go from Your Spirit?" The implied answer is I can go nowhere from Your Spirit! This means the Holy Spirit is omnipresent just as YHWH is!

Then in Hebrews Jesus Christ ("the same yesterday, today and forever" from Hebrews 13:8) says, "I will never leave you or forsake you"! Ever! In other words - there is nowhere we can go where Jesus Christ isn't! This means that Jesus Christ is omnipresent as well!

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are ALL omnipresent. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are ALL omniscient. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost ALL quicken (or make alive) our dead spirit - giving us eternal life.

Who Is Creator?

Genesis 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.**

Psalm 104:30

Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

Job 33:4

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Isaiah 44:24

Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, **I [am] the LORD that maketh all [things]; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself:**

As before with the study on Jesus Christ, let us look at the Holy Spirits' role in creation. We can see in Genesis, Psalms and Job that the Holy spirit is creator. Job explicitly tells us that the Holy Spirit created him! Yet again we see Yahweh claiming to "make ALL things" and not only that but He did it ALONE!!! By HIMSELF!

If there is one creation - the known universe - only the LORD Yahweh created it. But The Spirit created it. No - Jesus created it (according to John 1:3 "All things were made by Him (Jesus); and without Him was not any thing made that was made.")

Who created - the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit? They ALL did according to the Bible.

Who Teaches Us?

Isaiah 2:3

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and **He will teach us of His ways**, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 54:13

And **all thy children shall be taught of the LORD**; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

Psalms 71:17

O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works. (See also John 6:45)

Luke 12:12

For **the Holy Ghost shall teach you** in the same hour what ye ought to say.

1 Corinthians 2:13

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 John 2:27

But the Anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: **but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and **even as it hath taught you**, ye shall abide in Him.

We see here that the LORD Yahweh (YHWH) in Isaiah is speaking and claiming to teach us His ways. As God ('Elohiym), He makes the claim again in Psalms and John. He even says it outright - "They **SHALL be all taught of God**" and many of the newer translations say "taught **BY God**". Then He allows the claim of the Holy Spirit "teaching us **ALL things**" to be recorded in His word.

Why would God allow joint glory as Teacher of His word with an inferior being or a force when in Isaiah 42:8 He says, "I [am] the LORD: that [is] My name: and **My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images**"? He tells us again in Isaiah 48:11 "For Mine own sake, [even] for Mine own sake, will I do [it]: for how should [My name] be polluted? and **I will not give My glory unto another.**" Just in case we missed it the first time.

Who Gives Prophecy?

Luke 1:70

As **He (the Lord God of Israel) spake by the mouth of His holy prophets**, which have been since the world began:

1 Kings 17:24

And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, **and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.**

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the

will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

2 Samuel 23:2

The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and His word was in my tongue.

Revelation 19:10

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Above we see that the the Lord God of Israel and the LORD Yahweh gave prophets His holy words. Then we see the Holy Spirit speaks through men. Then the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus!

So who's word is it - the Fathers', the Holy Spirits' or Jesus Christ's?

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So this brings us back to the beginning. "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."

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God with The Father and Jesus Christ. Do we understand this? No. But it is obvious that Yahweh has called the Holy Spirit God in Acts 5:3-4 when He said through the apostle Peter, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? ... thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

God has shown us with the many attributes that He shares with the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit created everything. God created everything. The Holy Spirit is omniscient. God is omniscient. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent. God is omnipresent. The Holy Spirit teaches all things. God teaches us all things. The Holy Spirit makes us alive. God makes us alive. The Holy Spirit gives His holy words of prophecy to men. God gives His holy words of prophecy to men. The Holy Spirit has all these attributes. The Father has all these attributes. The Son, Jesus The Christ, has all these attributes. God has all these attributes.

The Holy Spirit is God.

The Father is God.

Jesus Christ is God.

Yahweh is God.

The Holy Spirit is YHWH.

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Jesus Christ is YHWH.

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Praise God. Amen



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1 Corinthians 2:13-14

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.