

# PNEUMATOLOGY

## The Study (Doctrine) of the Holy Spirit Study Outline – Lesson 2

### The Deity of the Holy Spirit – Is the Holy Spirit Deity (God)?

The Holy Spirit is either God or He is not.

#### The Holy Spirit Is Called God.

##### Example 1

**Acts 5:1-4 - Now a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. 2 He kept back part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a part of it and placed it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to deceive the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, was it not your own? And when it was sold, was it not under your authority? Why have you conceived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to men, but to God."**

If lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God, it certainly follows that the Spirit must be God.

##### Example 2

**1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

Christians are called **"the temple of God,"** because **"the Spirit of God dwells in you"**.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - What? Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? 20 You were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

The individual Christian is described, **"the temple of the Holy Spirit,"** so **"therefore glorify God in your body"**.

##### Example 3

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6 - There are various gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 There are various operations, but it is the same God who operates all of them in all people.**

Spoken of - **"the same Spirit"** (v. 4), **"the same Lord"** (v. 5), **"the same God"** (v. 6).

#### Example 4

In **2 Corinthians 6:16** the Holy Spirit is called “the living God.” - **What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live in them and walk in them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”**

#### The Holy Spirit Is Jehovah

Jehovah is a name that can only be applied to the Lord God Almighty. We will see a verse in the Old Testament that clearly refers to the Lord or Jehovah as their subject and then when that verse is quoted in the New Testament, the subject changes to the Holy Spirit.

#### Example

**Isaiah 6:5** - And I said: “Woe is me! For I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.”

LORD – capitalized refers to – the self-Existent or eternal - Jehovah

**Isaiah 6:8-10** - Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me.” He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn and be healed.”

**Acts 28:25-27** - Being in disagreement with one another, they were dismissed after Paul had said one word: “The Holy Spirit accurately spoke to our fathers through Isaiah the prophet, ‘Go to this people and say: You shall certainly hear, but never understand; and you shall certainly see, but never perceive; for the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

#### The Holy Spirit Is The Most High

Israel God tempted in the wilderness, “sinning against God and provoking the Most High” yet in Isaiah 63:10 this is now referred to “rebellious against and grieving the Holy Spirit”

**Psalm 78:17-19** - They sinned yet more against Him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food that they craved. They spoke against God by saying, “Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?”

**Isaiah 63:10** - But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore, He turned Himself to be their enemy, and He fought against them.

## The Holy Spirit Is Referred To As Holy

The holiness (wholeness, perfection) of God is observed in the Spirit. Only God is Holy.

**Exodus 15:11 - Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?**

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Holiness.

**Romans 1:4 - and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.**

## The Holy Spirit Has Distinctly Divine Attributes

The Holy Spirit is eternal, omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent

### ETERNITY - ETERNAL

**Hebrews 9:14 - how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

### OMNIPRESENCE – PRESENT EVERYWHERE

**Psalms 139:7-10 - Where shall I go from Your spirit, or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell at the end of the sea, even there Your hand shall guide me, and Your right hand shall take hold of me.**

### OMNISCIENCE – ALL KNOWING

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11 - But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Likewise, no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God.**

**John 16:12-13 - I have yet many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own authority. But He will speak whatever He hears, and He will tell you things that are to come.**

### OMNIPOTENCE – ALL POWERFUL

**Luke 1:35 - The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you. Therefore the Holy One who will be born will be called the Son of God.**

## Three Distinctively Divine Works Are Ascribed To The Holy Spirit.

### CREATION

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

**Job 26:13 - By His breath (Spirit) He has made fair the heavens; His hand has formed the fleeing serpent.**

**Psalms 104:30 - When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the surface of the ground.**

### IMPARTATION OF LIFE

**John 6:63 - It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life.**

**Romans 8:11 - But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that lives in you.**

**Genesis 2:7 - Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.**

### AUTHORSHIP

**1 Peter 1:20-21 - But know this first of all, that no prophecy of the Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. For no prophecy at any time was produced by the will of man, but holy men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

**Acts 28:25 - Being in disagreement with one another, they were dismissed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit accurately spoke to our fathers through Isaiah the prophet,**

# The Trinity

## The Distinction of the Holy Spirit from the Father and from His Son, Jesus Christ.

Is the Holy Spirit a person separate and distinct from the Father and from the Son?

**Example 1** – the concept of the Trinity is seen in several verses.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**Matthew 3:16-17** - And when Jesus was baptized, He came up immediately out of the water. And suddenly the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**Matthew 28:18-19** - Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Example 2**

**Acts 2:32-33** - God raised up this Jesus, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you now see and hear.

The Son is exalted to the right hand of the Father and the Holy Spirit whom the Son receives as a promise from the Father is poured out at Pentecost.

**Example 3**

**John 14:16** - I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, that He may be with you forever:

Here we see one person, Jesus, praying to another person, the Father, and the Father to whom He prays giving another person, another Comforter (the Holy Spirit), in answer to the prayer of Jesus.

**Example 4**

**John 16:7** - Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.

Jesus who goes away to the Father and the Holy Spirit who comes from the Father to take His place.

## Conclusion

There are three separate persons, having mutual relations with each other, acting upon one another, speaking about or to one another, applying the pronouns of the second and third persons to each other. Three in One.