

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God, and the Holy Spirit gives life. When Christians allow themselves to be filled by the Holy Spirit, they reflect the perfect character of Jesus Christ.

Hebrew: *ruach*

Greek: *pneuma*

“Spirit” = wind or breath

I am about to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy from under the sky all the living creatures that have the breath of life in them. Everything that is on the earth will die. —Genesis 6:17

Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. —Acts 2:1-2, 4

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It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. —John 6:63

The Holy Spirit is God.

“For my ally is the force, and a powerful ally it is. Life creates it, makes it grow. Its energy surrounds us and binds us...”

“You must feel the Force around you; here, between you, me, the tree, the rock, everywhere, yes.”

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. —John 16:13-14

He possesses God’s authority (Acts 5:3-4).

“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...You have not lied to men, but to God!”
—Acts 5:3-4

He knows God’s mind (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts, except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. —1 Corinthians 2:10-11

He shares God’s name (Matthew 28:19).

“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.” —Matthew 28:19

The Holy Spirit gives life:

He gives life to the world (Psalm 104:30; Genesis 1:2).

O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions...You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.
—Psalm 104:24,30

The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. —Genesis 1:2

He gives life to the Word (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16).

No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
—2 Peter 1:21

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
—2 Timothy 3:16

He gives life to God's people (Titus 3:3-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Eph 5:18).

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of **regeneration** and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. —Titus 3:5-6

Now there are different **gifts**, but the same Spirit. And there are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different results, but the same God ...All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills. —1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 11

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled** with the Spirit. —Ephesians 5:18

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. —Galatians 5:22-23

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. —Galatians 5:25

Will we keep in step with the Spirit?

- Trust in Jesus.
- Know God's Word.
- Know your gifts.
- Pray He will fill you.