

Who Is The Holy Spirit And How Does He Influence Me?

John 16:7-13

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is a personal being.
 - Can **communicate**: speak and forbid.
(Acts 13:2; 16:6)
 - Can be **lied** to. (Acts 5:3-4)
 - Can be **grieved**. (Eph. 4:30)

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is **God** -- possessing all the characteristics of Deity, along with the Father and the Son.
 - Acts 5:3-4 → In lying to the Holy Spirit, **Ananias** lied to God.
 - Heb. 9:14 → The Spirit is **eternal**.
 - Matt. 28:19 → **Baptism** is into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - II Cor. 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. (cf. I Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 4:4-6)

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

- In the plan of redemption...
 - God, the Father **purposed**. (Eph. 1:3-4; I Pet. 1:18-20; II Tim. 1:8-10)
 - Jesus **carried** out God's eternal purpose. (Jn. 3:16; 6:38; 17:1-4)
 - The Holy Spirit **revealed** and **confirmed** the gospel.
 - Revelation. (Eph. 3:3-5; II Pet. 1:21)
 - Confirmation. (Heb. 2:3-4; Mk. 16:17-20)
 - The **word** of God is the **sword** of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:17)

The Holy Spirit Works By Means of the Word of God...

- In conversion. (Jn. 16:7-11; Rom. 1:16-17)
 - On the Day of **Pentecost**. (Act 2:14; 37-41)
 - The gospel goes to Samaria. (Acts 8:4, 6, 12)
 - Philip explained the **word** to the Ethiopian. (Acts 8:35)
 - The hearing of the gospel **opened** Lydia's heart. (Acts 16:31)
 - The Corinthians, hearing, believed and were **baptized**. (Acts 18:8)
 - To be born of the Spirit is to be born of the word of God. (Jn. 3:5; James 1:18)

The Holy Spirit Works In The Lives of Christians

By The Word

- The Holy Spirit **strengthens** us.
 - Eph. 3:16 (cf. 5:18; Col. 3:16) → strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
 - Acts 20:32 → the **word** of his grace, which is able to build you up...
- The Holy Spirit gives us **hope**.
 - Rom. 15:13 → abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Rom. 15:4 → through the scriptures we have hope.
- The Holy Spirit bears **fruit** in our lives.
 - Gal. 5:22-23 → the fruit of the Spirit...
 - Col. 1:5,6 → the **word** of God bears fruit in our lives. (James 1:22-25)