

THE HOLY SPIRIT - THE SPIRIT OF GOD



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The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, present from the beginning—God Himself—and the manifestation of His power at work in humanity.

I. GOD IS SPIRIT

**The following Scriptures clearly affirm that God is Spirit:
Genesis 1:2 ; John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17**

II. GOD MANIFESTS HIS POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT

God works among His people through the Holy Spirit in different ways throughout history:

1. Through the Prophets

God revealed Himself through the Spirit working in the

prophets, speaking to His people on His behalf. This can be broadly explained by Isaiah 61:1-2 and Isaiah 48:16.

2. Through JESUS CHRIST: God came to His people through His Spirit, which covered Mary, to give birth to Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35).

The Spirit, who descended in the form of a dove at the baptism of Jesus Christ, bore witness to Him, that He is the Son of God (Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34).

And God anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power, for the fulfillment of the mission to His people (Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38).

3. By the HOLY SPIRIT: The Spirit of God came to the Disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) and sealed

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III. STATEMENT OF TRUTH

To avoid misunderstanding in the biblical terminology, it is crucial to recognize that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Jesus, and the Spirit of Truth all refer to one and the same Spirit—who fulfills different roles in God's plan.

This truth is supported by: Isaiah 61:1-2; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6; Philippians 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11-12; John 16:13. It is this same Spirit who: Hovered over the waters at creation, Spoke through the prophets, overshadowed Mary to give birth to Jesus Christ, anointed and empowered

Jesus, filled the disciples on Pentecost, and accompanied them on their mission.

This same Spirit continues to indwell the Church today which is the body of Christ. (Luke 4:18-19)

PRAYER

May the Holy Spirit comfort the Church in its trials.

May He teach and preserve it in the truth revealed in Jesus Christ, the truth received and handed down by the Apostles, in order to make disciples who abide in the hope of eternal life. Amen!