

Biblical Topics

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person in the Holy Trinity. He is placed on the same level with the Father and the Son. He is not the mere power or energy of God but a distinct Person.

- Matthew 28:19: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is true God because the Scriptures ascribe to Him...

A. Divine names.

- 1 Corinthians 3:16: Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

B. Divine attributes.

- Psalm 139:7-10: ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- 1 Corinthians 2:10: but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.
- Hebrews 9:14: How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

C. Divine works.

- Psalm 33:6: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- Titus 3:5: he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

D. Divine honor and glory.

- 1 Peter 4:14: If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

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