

The Holy Spirit Is a Person **(August 25, 2019 by Sister N. Carmen Soto)**

Scripture: **Matthew 12:32**

³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

[Scripture: **Luke 12:10**

¹⁰ “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.]”

It is very important for us to get to know each person of the Godhead in order to walk well as Christians and to grow in our faith.

The Holy Spirit is probably is the most misunderstood person of the Godhead.

Some consider the Holy Spirit to be a mystic force. Others think that He is God’s impersonal power, but the Bible says that He is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is not a power or a force.

Scripture: **Matthew 3:16-17**

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and ^[a]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Scripture: **John 14:16-17**

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another ^[a]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

The New Testament mentions the Holy Spirit 261 times.

The Holy Spirit as a person:

He thinks and has His Will. He can be tested and resisted. He can be saddened, and He can be lied to.

Scripture: **Acts 5:3**

³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself?

Scripture: **Acts 7:51**

⁵¹ “*You* stiff-necked^[a] and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit can be seen in diverse activities.

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:30-31**

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, ^[i]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

He was working in creation.

Scripture: **Genesis 1:2**

² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness ^[a]was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

One of the works of the Holy Spirit is to convince us that we sin.

Scripture: **John 16:8-11**

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

The Holy Spirit is promised to all believers.

Scripture: **Acts 2:38**

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ^[a]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is received by faith.

Scripture: **Galatians 3:2-5**

² This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? ⁴ Have you suffered so ^[a]many things in vain—if indeed *it was* in vain?

⁵ Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—

Brothers and sisters, did you know that the Holy Spirit yearns for us?

Scripture: **James 4:5-6**

⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

The Holy Spirit speaks to us.

Scripture: **Acts 8:29**

²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray correctly.

Scripture: **Romans 8:26**

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession ^[a]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Holy Spirit teaches us.

Scripture: **John 14:26**

²⁶ But the ^[a]Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

The Holy Spirit comforts us.

Scripture: **John 14:16**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

Father, please bless us to know You, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit better and better so that we can be everything You created us to be and enjoy all of the blessings that You have for us...

In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen...