The Person of the Holy Spirit

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

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The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 1:2: *“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”*

Dr. R.A. Torrey in his book, “The Holy Spirit” said, “Anyone who doest not know the Holy Spirit as a person has not attained unto a complete and well-rounded Christians experience.”

It is imperative that we understand that the Holy Spirit is a person and that we know Him as a person. In this lesson, we will look at some reasons for believing that the Holy Spirit is a person.

I. Designations proper to personality are given to the Holy Spirit.

A. The Holy Spirit is referred to as “He” and not “it.” [John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-8]

B. The use of the word “comforter” in John 14:16-18 indicated that He is a person. The word “Comforter” cannot be translated “comfort.” It cannot be taken as an abstract influence. The Holy Spirit comforts us because He is our advocate, instructor, and helper.

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II. The use of the Holy Spirit’s Name in connection with other persons implies personality.

A. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with Christ.

B. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with Christian. [Acts 15:28]

C. The Holy Spirit’s Name is used with the Father and Son.

The Great Commission commands baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [Matt. 28:19]. Paul clearly distinguishes Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [2Cor. 13:14]. The source of blessing for believers comes from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [1Cor. 12:4-6].
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III. The Holy Spirit possesses the characteristics of personality.
   A. The Holy Spirit knows as a person [I Cor. 2:10-11].
   B. The Holy Spirit wills as a person [Eph. 4:11-14].
   C. The Holy Spirit feels as a person [Rom. 8:27].
   D. The Holy Spirit loves as a person [Rom. 15:30].
   E. The Holy Spirit speaks as a person [John 15:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6-10]

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IV. The Holy Spirit is affected by the acts of others.
   A. One may grieve the Holy Spirit [Eph. 4:30].
   B. One may quench the Holy Spirit [1 Thess. 5:19].
   C. One may lie to the Holy Spirit [Acts 5:3-4,9].
   D. One may resist the Holy Spirit [Acts 7:51].
   E. One may insult the Holy Spirit [Heb. 10:29].
   F. One may blaspheme the Holy Spirit [Matt. 12:31].
   G. One may receive the Holy Spirit [John 20:22].

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V. The Holy Spirit acts as only a person can act.
   The Holy Spirit works to make us the right kind of person. He guides us [John 16:13], reproves us [John 16:8], strives with us [Gen. 6:3], helps us [Acts 1:8], comforts us [John 14:16-18, 26; Acts 9:3] and prays for us [Rom. 8:26-27]. He searches the deep things of God and reveals them to us [I Cor. 2:10]. When the Holy Spirit deals with us, it is a personal power, not an impersonal influence or power. God help us to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit!