

Doctrine of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

General References in the Old Testament

1. The Holy Spirit was active in the creation of the world.
 - *Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*
2. The Holy Spirit convicts man of sin.
 - *Genesis 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.*
3. The Holy Spirit imparts wisdom to interpret dreams, to understand complex issues, and to create works of art.
 - *Genesis 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?*
 - *Exodus 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,*
 - *Exodus 35:31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;*
4. The Holy Spirit indwelt Old Testament believers for salvation, sanctification, and service.
 - *Numbers 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;*
 - *Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*
5. Succeeding generations can remember how their forefathers were filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - *Nehemiah 9:20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.*
6. The spiritual new birth is the secret sovereign work of the Holy Spirit.
 - *Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*
7. When the believer sins the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit is withdrawn for the Spirit is holy.

- *Psalm 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*
8. There is hope for renewed fellowship even when the soul is under divine discipline.
- *Psalm 103:9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.*
9. The Holy Spirit is very God of very God. He possesses the attribute of omnipresence.
- *Psalm 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*
10. The Holy Spirit can cleanse the soul from the pollution of sin.
- *Isaiah 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.*
11. In His humanity, the Lord Jesus, as the promised Messiah, was filled with the Holy Spirit to be guided by Him.
- *Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*
 - *Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*
 - *Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*
12. The Holy Spirit gives strength for the service of the Lord.
- *Isa 28:6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.*
13. It is a great offense to God when the wisdom of the Holy Spirit is not sought.
- *Isaiah 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:*
14. Times of spirituality are associated with the Holy Spirit.
- *Isaiah 32:15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.*

15. The sovereignty of the Holy Spirit is set forth as a divine attribute.
- *Isaiah 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?*
16. Any believer can enjoy the fullness of the Spirit if there is a thirsting for righteousness and a barrenness of soul.
- *Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.*
17. Ministers of the gospel must see themselves as special servants of the Lord, called to a divine commission to proclaim the Word. Let every minister say, “*His Spirit hath sent me.*”
- *Isaiah 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.*
18. It is by the omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit that the redemptive work of the Lord’s salvation is sustained.
- *Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*
19. The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit is part of the New Covenant blessing.
- *Isaiah 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*
20. Those who resist the ministry of the Holy Spirit and grieve Him become an enemy of God the Father.
- *Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he that put his Holy Spirit **within** him?*
- Note that the Holy Spirit is put within the Old Testament saints.
21. The Holy Spirit guides the believer in every age.
- *Isaiah 63:14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.*

22. To a non-converted generation in revolt against divine authority and their spiritual heritage God in grace promises that a new day will come whereby the soul is subdued and made willing to walk in righteousness.

- *Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

23. There is no spiritual life apart from the energizing work of the Holy Spirit.

- *Ezekiel 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.*

24. The presence of the Spirit in the life of the believer is designed to produce faith in the Father. God wants all to know who speaks in the affairs of the earth and who is ultimately the sovereign of society.

- *Ezekiel 37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.*

25. By the Holy Spirit there can be sweet fellowship with the Lord.

- *Ezekiel 39:29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.*

26. With the coming of the Messiah a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit was promised.

- *Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

27. Because the Holy Spirit is omnipotent no sin or sinner can withstand His sovereign power to save and sanctify His own.

- *Micah 2:7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? Are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?*

26. The minister who is full of the Holy Spirit is bold in preaching.

- *Micah 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.*

28. The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit is design to eliminate fear of various facets of life.

- *Haggai 2:5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.*

29. No spiritual work is ever accomplished apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

- *Zechariah 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

30. When the Holy Spirit is working in the midst of a people there is a sorrow for sin and for the sufferings of the Savior.

- *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*