



God is spirit

John 4:19-26

Acts 17:22-31; John 7:37-39; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-8; 13:1-5; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; 6:19-20.

The Holy Spirit is a real person of the Trinity. His honour and glory is equal to that of God the Son. Christ in Matthew 12:31-32 unmistakably points to His deity:

And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. Matthew 12:31-32

The very Godhead of the Holy Trinity is recognised.

The Lord Jesus constantly testified to Him:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed. Luke 4:18

The Lord Jesus promised His disciples the presence and help of the Holy Spirit in their work:

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. Mark 13:11

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7

The Lord Jesus taught what the Holy Spirit would be both to the non-Christian world and to the Church.

When he comes, he (the Holy Spirit) will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:8-11

One of the names given to the Holy Spirit is “Spirit of truth”:

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. John 16:13-15

He is the ultimate authority as to all spiritual truth. As the Spirit of truth and revelation (1Corinthians 2:9-10) He gave us the Scriptures (2Timothy 3:16).

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 1Corinthians 2:9-10

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit shall "glorify" the Lord Jesus Christ (John 16:14). As the Lord Jesus spent His earthly life seeking to glorify the Father, so the Holy Spirit spends His time on earth seeking to glorify the Son.

The Lord Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit and was led by Him into the wilderness:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert. Luke 4:1

The Holy Spirit has always been working in the lives of men:

For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

John the Baptist testified to him:

I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Matthew 3:11

The Lord Jesus was able to offer His perfect sacrifice to the Father through the Spirit:

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! Hebrews 9:14

Jesus was raised from the dead by the Spirit:

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8:11

Today, as He works through our lives, we are to produce the fruit of the Spirit:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

The Holy Spirit is seen throughout the Bible starting right at the very beginning in Genesis:

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2

We pray “Our Father, which art in heaven ...” and this is so, but the Holy Spirit is here actively engaged on earth:

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Paul writes to the believers in Corinth:

You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:3

God, as the Holy Spirit, is the administrator of the affairs of the Church. The Lord Jesus whilst here in human form was, of necessity, localised at anyone time. The Holy Spirit is unlimited and thus able to minister anywhere and everywhere and to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a tremendous subject. There is so much more. This will be enough to start you studying this unending subject.