

Holy Spirit Discussion

Al led us in a discussion last week that included the trinity or Godhead. In my limited human view, I see the Godhead as being one **divine nature** but having 3 very distinct personalities, one of these being the Holy Spirit. In 2 Corinthians 13 all 3 members of the Godhead are mentioned. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the ^{1a} communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

Divine Nature – Paul speaking on Mars Hill

Acts 17 ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Holy Spirit - . In John 16:13, Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as a person and with a masculine gender. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

For tonight's discussion I've come up with 11 things that scripture tells us about the Holy Spirit and 5 'personal like' reactions that the Holy Spirit has demonstrated.

1. **The Holy Spirit has a mind.** Romans 8 ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.
2. **The Holy Spirit speaks.** John 16:13 (already read that one) and Matthew 10 ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
3. **The Holy Spirit teaches.** John 14 ²⁶ But the ^{1a} 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.
4. **The Holy Spirit testifies.** Acts 20 ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.
5. **The Holy Spirit bears witness.** John 15 ²⁶ "But when the ^{1a} Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
6. **The Holy Spirit helps mans infirmities.** Romans 8 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 ^{1a} for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
7. **The Holy Spirit oversees.** Acts 20 ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church ^{1a} of God which He purchased with His own blood
8. **The Holy Spirit guides.** John 16 ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;
9. **The Holy Spirit forbids.** Acts 16 ⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in ^{1a} Asia. ⁷ After

they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the ^hSpirit did not permit them.

10. **10. The Holy Spirit Seals Christians.** 2 Corinthians 1 ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. **Interesting what the 'Message' translation says.** ²⁰⁻²² Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God's Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.
11. **The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.** Romans 8 ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ^hthrough His Spirit who dwells in you.

The Personal Reactions of the Holy Spirit

1. **He can be grieved.** Isaiah 63 ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *And* He fought against them.
2. **He can be vexed.** Acts 5 ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
3. **He can be tested.** Acts 5 ⁹ Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out."
4. **He can be resisted.** Acts 7 ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked^h and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.
5. **He can be blasphemed.** Mark 3 ²⁹ but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"

Here's something I heard once that stuck.

God wrought (or thought) it,

Jesus bought it,

And the Holy Spirit taught it (the perfecter or completor)