

“Who Is The Holy Spirit?”

Lesson Text: **John 14:26.**

I. The Holy Spirit In The Scriptures.

– In The Old Testament:

- The O.T. mentions the Holy Spirit 88 times.
- 23 Books In The O.T. Refer To The Holy Spirit.
- The Phrase *“Holy Spirit”* Is Only Used Three Times: **Psalm 51:11; Isaiah 63:10-11.**
- The Phrase *“Spirit Of The Holy God”* (5 Times); *“The Spirit Of God”* (14 Times).

– In The New Testament:

- The Holy Spirit Is Mentioned 264 Times In The N.T.
- The Holy Spirit Is Mentioned 60 Times In The Gospels.
- The Book Of Acts Alone Mentions The Holy Spirit 57 Times.
- The Rest Of The Books Mention The Holy Spirit 132 Times.
- Only Three Books Do Not: Philemon, 2 John, And 3 John.

II. Misunderstandings & Misconceptions About The Holy Spirit.

– The Holy Spirit Is Simply A Force Or Power God Uses To Do His Will.

Watchtower: *“The holy spirit is the active force of God. It is not a person but is a powerful force that God causes to emanate from himself to accomplish his holy will.”* (Reasoning from the Scriptures 1985, 81).

Mary Baker Eddy, founder of *“Christian Science,”* characterized the third person of the Trinity as *“Divine Science”* (*Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures.*).

Parley Pratt, one of Mormonism’s original *“apostles,”* once described the Holy Spirit as a force like *“magnetism”* or *“electricity.”* He further spoke of the Spirit as *“a divine fluid”* and *“impersonal energy”* (Mormonism and the Godhead. The Spiritual Sword, July).

– The Holy Spirit Has No Personality Or Is Not A Person.

“As for the 'Holy Spirit', the so-called 'third person of the trinity', we have already seen that it is, not a person, but God's active force.” (The Truth That Leads To Eternal Life).

– The Holy Spirit Is Jesus In Another Form— “Jesus Only Doctrine.”

United Or Oneness Pentecostals: *“The beautiful message of Scripture is that our Creator became our Savior. The God against whom we sinned is the One who forgives us. God loved us so much that He came in flesh to save us. He gave of Himself; He did not send someone else. Moreover, our Creator-Savior is also the indwelling Spirit who is ever-present to help us.”* (UPCI Website, An Appreciation Of God’s Identity).

It Comes From A Misunderstanding Of Certain Scriptures: **John 10:30; Colossians 2:9-10.**

III. The Personality Of The Holy Spirit.

- He Teaches/Reminds: **John 14:26.**
- He Guides & Glorifies: **John 16:12-15.**
- He Has Knowledge: **1 Corinthians 2:11.**
- He Bears Testimony: **John 15:26.**
- He Loves: **Romans 15:30.**
- He Can Be Lied To: **Acts 5:3-4.**
- He Speaks: **1 Timothy 4:1; Acts 8:29.**
- He Has A Mind: **Romans 8:27.**
- He Has A Will: **1 Corinthians 12:11.**
- He Can Be Jealous: **James 4:5.**
- He Can Be Grieved: **Ephesians 4:30.**