

# The Deity of the Holy Spirit

## Introduction:

The Bible teaches the Holy Spirit to be the Third Person of the Trinity. This does not mean He is a lesser Being than God the Father or God the Son, for the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity asserts One in essence — manifested in three distinct Persons.

The Holy Spirit is co-equal, co-eternal, and co-essential with the Father and the Son. He is God. Because the Scriptures invariably place Him third in the list of Persons in the Godhead, we use the term “The Third Person of the Trinity.” There are a number of excellent Scriptural proofs for the deity of the Holy Spirit:

### I. The Holy Spirit is called “God”

A. “The Lord is that Spirit” — II Corinthians 3:17

B. The Account of Ananias and Sapphires. — Acts 5:3-4

A comparison of the 2 verse is interesting:

verse 3 — “...to lie to the Holy Ghost...”

Verse 4 — “...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

### II. The Holy Spirit Exhibits Divine Attributes

The natural attributes of God can only belong to God. A number of Scriptures show the Holy Spirit possesses these attributes, along with the communicable attributes of God, thus demonstrating Him to be God.

A. Life. — Romans 8:2

B. Eternality. — Hebrews 9:14

C. Omnipresence. — Psalm 139:7

D. Omnipotence. — Luke 1:35

E. Omniscience. — John 14:26; 16:13, 14; I Corinthians 2:10, 11; Isaiah 40:12, 13

F. Truth. — John 15:26; 16:13

G. Holiness. — Ephesians 1:13; 4:30

Note: Whenever the Bible uses a lower case “h” in “holy” Spirit, it is referring to His character — when it uses an upper case “H”, it is referring to His title as the Holy Spirit.

H. Love. — Romans 15:30

### III. The Holy Spirit does the Works of God

A. He is the Creator. — Genesis 1:2, 26; Job 33:4; Psalms 104:30

B. He is the Giver of Eternal Life. — John 3:6; Titus 3:5

Note: Salvation is:

FROM the Father

THROUGH the Son

BY the Spirit

C. He is the Author of the Scriptures. — II Peter 1:21

D. He is the One Who Resurrects. — Romans 8:11

### IV. The Holy Spirit is Coupled with the Father and the Son

A. In the Great Trinitarian Statement. — I John 5:7

B. In the Great Commission. — Matthew 28:19

C. In the Apostolic Benediction. — II Corinthians 13:14

D. In the Administration of Spiritual Gifts. — I Corinthians 12:4-6 “...same Spirit...same Lord...Same God...”

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- V. The Holy Spirit is Compared to the Old Testament Jehovah
  - A. The Sender of the Prophet.  
Compare Isaiah 6:8-10 with Acts 28:25-27
  - B. The One who was Provoked.  
Compare Exodus 1:7 and Psalm 95:8-11 with Hebrews 3:7-9
  - C. The One who Anointed the Messiah.  
Compare Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:17, 18 with Acts 10:38
  - D. The Inspirer of the Prophetic Writings.  
Compare Jeremiah 1:9 with II Peter 1:21
  - E. The Giver of the New Covenant.  
Compare Jeremiah 31:31-34 with Hebrews 10:15-17
  - F. The Giver of Life.  
Compare Genesis 2:7 with Job 33:4