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Foundations for the Believer to Live the Spiritual Life.

The Transformed Life.

4. The Spirit-Filled Life.

B. Who is the Holy Spirit.

2) The Deity of the Holy Spirit.

Above we identified the Holy Spirit as a Person, as a member of the Trinity. Now, we are going to see from Scripture the ascriptions to Him regarding His Deity. Scripture tells us much about God the Father, who we assume to be Deity. Then the Bible speaks much in proving the Deity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. When it comes to the Holy Spirit, we can establish His Deity by the essence and attributes ascribed to Him that are also ascribed to God the Father and God the Son, as well as several other categorizations about Him that point to His Deity.

a) His Attributes Prove His Deity.

i. Omniscience, He is all knowing. In **1 Cor 2:10-12**, the Holy Spirit searches all things and knows the thoughts and depths of God (the Father). The Spirit could not possibly know the thoughts of God who is omniscient and omnipresent unless He too possessed these attributes.

1 Cor 2:10-12, “For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.”

ii. Omnipotence, He is all powerful, has unlimited power and strength, cf. **Mat 12:28; Luke 1:35; Rom 15:19**, with **John 3:5-8; 16:8-11**, which demonstrates His power to change minds and regenerate fallen man.

iii. Omnipresence, He is everywhere at the same time, **Psa 139:7-10; Mat 4:1**.

Psa 139:7-10, “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, ¹⁰Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.”

iv. Eternal, He has always existed and will forever exist. He is without beginning and end, **Heb 9:14**.

Heb 9:14, “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

b) His Titles Proves His Deity.

i. His title “Holy Spirit” affirms His Deity in keeping with the Bible’s understanding of God being Holy.

ii. In **Psa 95:7**, it says, “He is our God,” and in **Heb 3:7**, this statement is ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

Heb 3:7, “Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE.”

Psa 95:7, “For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice.”

iii. When Ananias and Sapphira lied about their offerings in **Acts 5:1-4**, they lied to the Holy Spirit, vs. **3**, which was lying to God, vs. **4**.

Acts 5:3-4, “But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God”.”

iii. That we are the Temple of God for the Spirit of God to dwell in shows His Deity, **1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:21-22**.

iv. He is called:

- a. The Spirit of (our) God in **Gen 1:2; Mat 3:16; 1 Cor 6:11**.
- b. The Spirit of the Lord, **Luke 4:18**.
- c. The Spirit of YHWH, **Judges 3:10. Isa 61:1**.
- d. The Spirit of the Lord God, the Spirit of the living God, **2 Cor 3:3**.
- e. My Spirit, **Gen 6:3**.
- f. The eternal Spirit, **Heb 9:14**.
- g. The Spirit of glory, **1 Peter 4:14**.
- h. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, **Rom 8:2**.

v. Five titles reveal the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Son:

- a. The Spirit of Christ, **Rom 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11**.
- b. The Spirit of Jesus Christ, **Phil 1:19**.
- c. The Spirit of Jesus, **Acts 16:7**.
- d. The Spirit of His Son, **Gal 4:6**.
- e. The Spirit of the Lord, **Acts 5:9, 8:39**.

vi. There are titles that reveal the nature of His ministry:

- a. The Spirit of glory, **1 Peter 4:14**.
- b. The Spirit of life, the agent of regeneration, **Rom 8:2**.
- c. The Spirit of holiness, **Rom 1:4**.
- d. The Holy Spirit, **Mat 1:20ff**.
- e. The Holy one, **1 John 2:20**.
- f. The Spirit of grace, **Heb 10:29**.
- g. The Spirit of grace and supplication, **Zech 12:10**.
- h. the Spirit of adoption, the one who brings about our adoption into the royal family of God, **Rom 8:15**.
- i. The comforter in **John 15**, which indicates His role as nourishing, guiding, strengthening, and assuring the believer in his spiritual life.
- j. He is called the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, **Isa 11:2**.
- k. In **John 15:26**, He is called the Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word according to **1 Cor 2:12-16**.
- l. It is through the Holy Spirit that God reveals His Word, **2 Peter 1:20-21**.

c) The Deity of God the Holy Spirit is emphasized by the fact that He is identified with YHWH, “The Lord,” in **Acts 28:25** which quotes **Isa 6:1-13**. This is also seen in **Heb 10:15-17**, cf. **Jer 31:31-34**.

- d) The Holy Spirit is also associated with God the Father and God the Son on equal terms:
- i. In the baptism formula which equates the three as one in essence, **Mat 28:19**.
 - ii. In the “unity or oneness catechism,” **Eph 4:3-6**.
 - iii. In Paul’s Benediction of **2 Cor 13:14**.
 - iv. In the declaration regarding the giving, ministry, and effect of spiritual gifts, **1 Cor 12:4-6**.
 - v. In Peter’s salutation regarding their roles in the process of salvation, **1 Peter 1:2**.

1 Peter 1:1-2, “To those who reside as aliens, who are chosen ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

e) His Deity is Proven by His Works.

- i. By His works of Creation.

Gen 1:2, “The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.”

Psa 104:30, “You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.”

Job 33:4, “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Job 26:13a, “By His breath (*RUACH*, “*Spirit, breath, wind*”) the heavens are cleared (*made beautiful*);”

Ezek 37:9, “Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life”.”

- ii. By His Inspiration of Scripture.

2 Tim 3:16, “All Scripture is inspired by God (*God-breathed*) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.”

2 Peter 1:21, “For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” This is the how of inspiration: men were moved by the Holy Spirit, borne along like wind in the sail of a ship. Here again the titles God and Holy Spirit seem to be used interchangeably of the person of the Holy Spirit.

- iii. By His Works of Regeneration, Illumination, Sanctification, and Resurrection, **John 3:3-8; Titus 3:5; Rom 8:11; Eph 3:16-19**.

Considering the nature and condition of man, these are things which are miraculous and which only God can do as stressed by the Lord in **Mat 19:26, “And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible”.”**

Clearly from this overwhelming evidence, all of these references argue that the Holy Spirit is not only a Person, but God, the third member of the Trinity.