

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY #32:  
Pneumatology (Part 1),  
The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit  
Grace Community Church  
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**1. Definition of PNEUMATOLOGY**

- a. **PNEUMATOLOGY is from two Greek words:**
  - i. ***PNEUMA* (πνευμα) means, “breath, wind, spirit”**
  - ii. ***LOGOS* (λογος), word**
- b. **PNEUMATOLOGY is the study of the:**
  - i. **Spirit of God**
  - ii. **Holy Spirit**

**2. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS PERSONALITY**

**a. CRITICS OBJECTIONS TO THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- i. **The Greek word πνευμα (spirit) is a neuter word**
  - 1. **REBUTTAL: But, whenever pronouns accompany the word πνευμα in the Greek, when it refers to the Holy Spirit, they are always masculine**
    - a. **John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ....”**
    - b. **John 14:17, “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**
    - c. **John 14:26, “But the 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.”**
- ii. **Another reason people do not attribute PERSONALITY to the Holy Spirit is because His name is never given in Scripture**

- iii. Another reason people do not attribute PERSONALITY to the Holy Spirit is because He does not have a body

**b. The Bible attributes PERSONALITY to the Holy Spirit**

**i. HE HAS INTELLIGENCE:**

1. Isaiah 11:2, "The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD."
2. Nehemiah 9:20, "You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst."

- ii. **HE POSSESSES A WILL:** 1 Corinthians 12:11, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."
- iii. **HE POSSESS KNOWLEDGE:** 1 Cor. 2:10-12, (10) But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
- iv. **HE FEELS LOVE:** Romans 15:30, "Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me ...."
- v. **HE SPEAKS:** Acts 13:2, "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'"
- vi. **HE INTERCEDES FOR US:** 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 for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."
- vii. **HE TESTIFIES:** John 15:26, "But when the 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."
- viii. **HE ISSUES COMMANDS:** Acts 16:6-7, (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 Asia. (7) After they had come to

**Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.**

- ix. **HE PLACES OTHERS IN SERVICE AS HE WILLS: 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 of God which He purchased with His own blood.”**
- x. **HE GUIDES: John 16:13, “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.”**
- xi. **HE TEACHES: John 14:26, “But the 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.”**
- xii. **HE CAN BE GRIEVED**
  - 1. **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. **Ephesians 4:30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”**
- xiii. **HE CAN BE TESTED:**
  - 1. **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.’”**
  - 2. **The word TEST in Acts 5:9 means, “to try, make trial of, test: for the purpose of ascertaining his quality, or what he thinks, or how he will behave himself”<sup>1</sup>**
- xiv. **HE MAY BE RESISTED: Acts 7:51, “[You] stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers [did], so [do] you.”**
- xv. **HE CAN BE BLASPHEMED:**
  - 1. **Mark 3:29, “but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation ....”**

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<sup>1</sup> *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* on “test” in Acts 5:9

2. **BLASPHEME** means, “to speak reproachfully, rail at, revile, calumniate, blaspheme; to be evil spoken of, reviled, railed at”<sup>2</sup>

### 3. THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### a. DEITY DEFINED:

- i. “He is co-equal, co-eternal, co-existent with the Father and the Son.”<sup>3</sup>
- ii. “He is subordinate to the Father and gives precedence to the Son.”<sup>4</sup>

#### b. DIVINE ATTRIBUTES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN SCRIPTURE

i. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ETERNAL:** Hebrews 9:14, “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

#### ii. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNIPOTENT

1. Genesis 1:2, “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”
2. Luke 1:35, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘[The] Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’”

iii. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNIPRESENT,** Psm. 139:7-10, (7) Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? (8) If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. (9) If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, (10) Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

#### iv. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNISCIENT

1. **OMNISCIENT** means, “The faculty of knowing everything; knowledge unbounded or infinite ....”<sup>5</sup>
2. 1 Cor. 2:10-11, (10) But God has revealed them [i.e., the mysteries of God] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (11) For what

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<sup>5</sup> *The International Webster New Encyclopedic Dictionary of the English Language*, “Omniscience,” p. 661.

man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

**c. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A MEMBER OF THE TRINITY. THERE ARE THREE PERSONS WITHIN THE GODHEAD**

- i. Isaiah 48:16, “Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I [was] there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me.”
- ii. 2 Corinthians 13:14, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit [be] with you all. Amen.”
- iii. John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever....”
- iv. Mt. 28:19-20, (19) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
- v. Mk. 1:9-11, (9) It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (10) And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. (11) Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**d. EACH OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE GODHEAD IS FULLY GOD:**

- i. **THE FATHER IS GOD:** Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- ii. **THE SON IS GOD:** Jn. 1:1-3, (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made
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3. **Acts 5:3-4, (3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? (4) "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? YOU HAVE NOT LIED TO MEN BUT TO GOD."**

**e. ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE GODHEAD ARE INVOLVED IN OUR:**

- i. **SALVATION, 1 Peter 1:2, "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ ...."**
- ii. **PRAYERS: We pray:**
  1. **TO the Father: In Matthew 6:9, Christ taught us to pray: "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name."**
  2. **THROUGH the Son: John 14:13, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."**
  3. **IN the power of the Holy Spirit: 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 for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."**