

32 Names of the Holy Spirit and Their Meanings

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The Meaning of Each Name



Bible References



**Meditate on the Holy Spirit's
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The HOLY SPIRIT

Much controversy and confusion exists in understanding who the Holy Spirit is and what he does.

- Many consider the Spirit to be impersonal, rather like a force—the energy or power of God. The Scriptures confirm the powerful nature of the Holy Spirit. He is named the Power of God and Spirit of Might, and yet the Bible tells us much more about him. Unlike a mere force, he can be lied to (Acts 5:3–4), he can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30), he has a name (Matthew 28:19).
- Other people see the Spirit as the common bond of love among God’s people. The Scriptures call him the Spirit of grace, of mercy and of comfort; but he is also called the Spirit of truth and judgment (discernment), indicating that he is more than simply a warm fuzzy feeling we get when we are together.
- Some understand the Holy Spirit as the mind, the intellect, behind creation. To be sure, he is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, but more than a cosmic computer. He is in fact God, the third Person of the Trinity.

Studying the names of the Spirit found in the Bible will help us get a fuller, well-rounded idea of who he is and how he operates and so allow us to worship and serve God in a fuller and richer capacity.

The TRINITY

In the simplest of terms, Christians believe that there is only one God, and this one God exists as one essence in three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Why do Christians Believe in the Trinity?

- The Bible clearly teaches that there is only one God, yet it calls all three Persons God.
- There is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5a).
- The Father is God (1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:4–6).
- The Son is God (John 1:1–5, 14; John 10:30–33; John 20:28; Hebrews 1:6–8; Philippians 2:9–11; see these passages about Jesus’ deity: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1; John 1:18; John 8:58, 59; John 10:30; Acts 20:28; Romans 9:5; 10:9–13; Colossians 1:15, 16; Colossians 2:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:3, 8; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:20).
- The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Exodus 34:34; 2 Corinthians 3:16).

Name	References	Meaning
BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY	Job 33:4	The Holy Spirit is the life-giving breath of God.
COUNSELOR COMFORTER	John 14:16, 26; 15:26; Romans 8:26	The Holy Spirit comforts, counsels and gives strength.
SPIRIT OF COUNSEL	Isaiah 11:2	The Holy Spirit counsels and teaches us as we grow in Christ.
ETERNAL SPIRIT	Hebrews 9:14	The Holy Spirit is eternal God.
FREE SPIRIT	Psalms 51:12	The Holy Spirit is God's generous and willing spirit.
GOD	Acts 5:3–4	The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is God.
GOOD SPIRIT	Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 143:10	God's Good Spirit will teach and lead us in all that is good.
HOLY SPIRIT	Psalms 51:11; Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30	God is Spirit and that Spirit is holy. He is the Spirit of holiness.
LORD	2 Cor. 3:16–17	Like Jesus and the Father, the Holy Spirit is also addressed and worshiped as Lord.
POWER OF THE HIGHEST	Luke 1:35	The Spirit is God's power, the greatest power there is.
SPIRIT OF MIGHT	Isaiah 11:2	The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Strength.
SPIRIT OF ADOPTION	Romans 8:15	He is the Spirit by which we are made God's children.
SPIRIT OF BURNING	Isaiah 4:4	The Spirit is God's fire of purification.
SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT	Isaiah 4:4; 28:6	The Spirit of God brings conviction and judgment.
SPIRIT OF CHRIST (JESUS CHRIST)	Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11	The Holy Spirit is Jesus' own spirit of love shared with the Father.
SPIRIT OF GLORY	1 Peter 4:14	The Spirit always gives glory to Christ.

Name	Application
BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY	The Holy Spirit is the source of life from God. He is the one, through Christ, who connects us to God.
COUNSELOR COMFORTER	The Holy Spirit is our strength and comfort. We are to turn to him when we are in trouble and when we are weak, being assured that he intercedes with and for us.
SPIRIT OF COUNSEL	We need to make use of God's guidance by letting the Holy Spirit lead us and teach us.
ETERNAL SPIRIT	The Spirit is no mere created force. He is the timeless Creator who loves us eternally.
FREE SPIRIT	God gives us his willing Spirit to change our hard hearts and give us freedom.
GOD	The Holy Spirit is not a thing, a force, nor mere power. He is personal, and we are to worship and obey him as God.
GOOD SPIRIT	The Holy Spirit is God's good gift to us for help in the present.
HOLY SPIRIT	The same Holy Spirit given to us for life is given to make us holy as well.
LORD	The Holy Spirit is God present with us. He is our Lord.
POWER OF THE HIGHEST	God's power, the Holy Spirit can accomplish things through us that we cannot do ourselves.
SPIRIT OF MIGHT	Jesus' Spirit is God's strength given to us.
SPIRIT OF ADOPTION	God's love toward us as his children comes through the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit persuades us, we become part of God's family.
SPIRIT OF BURNING	God's Spirit cleanses and purifies from evil.
SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT	God's Spirit discerns and divides good from evil.
SPIRIT OF CHRIST (JESUS CHRIST)	Jesus has shared the Spirit of love with those who believe him.
SPIRIT OF GLORY	Christ's life is what the Spirit focuses us on.