

# Is the Holy Spirit a Divine Person? Pt. 2

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Not only are divine names given to the Holy Spirit indicating that he is God but the blessed Holy Spirit is God because he has divine attributes. No Angel has these attributes. No angel could possibly have them. He has the divine attributes of eternity. He's eternal. He has the divine attribute of omnipresence. He has the attribute of omnipotence. He has the wonderful divine attribute of omniscience. Are we saying this just of our own will and wishing. Or does the scriptures say he has divine attributes the fact that he is eternal we find in Hebrews 9:14 the Holy Spirit is eternal as God the Father is eternal and God the Son is eternal. We read in Hebrews 9:14 how much more talking about the Old Testament sacrifices and how for a while they covered sin from the gaze the holy Gaze of God the Spirit of God asks through the writer of Hebrews.

How much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal spirit the word eternal there is used with reference to The Spirit of God who through the eternal spirit offered himself our Lord Jesus Christ offered himself through the eternal spirit without spot to God. How much more shall then the blood of Christ purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Yes, the Holy Spirit has the attribute of eternity eternity. He is an eternal person.

Actually, we need not look any further than that because no one is without beginning or end except deity. But the Bible always wants to give us more emphasis more evidence to allow no room for skepticism doubt, unbelief or atheism.

He is not only eternal but he's omnipresent that means he is everywhere now in the space age. We can certainly be in some places that no individuals have been before this century but no astronaut no cosmonaut No not even Satan can be omnipresent. That is a quality only of deity. Michael the Archangel is not omnipresent Satan is not present. All the Demons together don't add up to omnipresence omnipresence is an attribute it is an attribute of deity. In some 139 in these four wonderful verses how it's spelled out how the changes are wrung how the hammer of emphasis is brought down again and again to drive it. This precious truth into our minds and hearts what? That's the Holy Spirit is omnipresence the Psalmist asks whither shall I go from thy spirit. Where can I run away from thy spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there. If I make my bed in Sheol, behold thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea if that were possible even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me.

Now I want you to see my dear friends that the "thy right hand" and "thy hand" and so forth. Thou art there twice thou are there that all refers to thy spirit. Whither shall I go not from God the Father or from God the son? But whither shall I go from thy spirit capital S Holy Spirit. How can anyone flee from his presence? He's in heaven. He's there he's everywhere. Yes, he is omnipresent. Thank God. Therefore as a comforter if he's everywhere. If you're a missionary in Africa, he's there in Asia. He's there in Europe in Australia in the Americas. In every single nook and cranny of the universe, he is there. He is omnipresent not only so but this blessed Holy Spirit is omnipotent. There's nothing without the range of his power. He is of infinite power. In Luke 1:35, the angel Gabriel is speaking to the Virgin Mary and the angel answered and said unto her the Holy Spirit shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Now I don't want to be overly critical friends with some statements individuals make but they sometimes try to illustrate the virgin birth from certain parthenogenesis they claim in nature. But I want to tell you first last and always that the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is without the range of the natural it is supernatural. It is above the natural because it has been brought about by a supernatural, divine personality blessed be his name the Holy Spirit omnipotent notice the Holy Spirit shall come upon thee. The power of the highest the Holy Spirit. His very name is joined with power the power of a high God, the highest God in all the universe. He's gonna overshadow thee. And then that Holy thing beautiful. That's the only time that was ever set in the history of the universe of the world. Never will be said again. Lord Jesus Christ the Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God. He is omnipotent. Not only that but he knows everything omniscient.

How did men marvel at our Lord Jesus when he was upon earth? He knew what they were thinking. He read their thoughts. He told them what they were meditating in their innermost recesses. He did know them. He knew all about them. John says he needed not that any man should testify a man for he knew what was in man. Ah, does the Holy Spirit know all things. Oh yes. in First Corinthians 2 10 and 11 we read God has revealed hidden things unto us by His Spirit for the spirit searcheth all things the deep things of God. The Bible tells us there are deep things of Satan. There's some deep things of man. Thank God we don't have to be worried that we don't know about the deep things of Satan it's infinitely more important that we know the deep things of God. But who is that omniscient. The Spirit of God. God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit. Why. Because what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man which is in him. Do I know how a man feels if a heavy weight has fallen on his right foot if his finger has been cut accidentally by a knife.

If he's run a nail through a part of his body accidentally yes, I know how a man feels. I certainly do because I have a human spirit. Then he says even so the things of God knows no man but the spirit of God. Well it would have to take God. It would have to be God not an angel. It would have to be God to know what is in the mind of God the things of God knows no man. First Corinthians 2 10 and 11 there it is in black and white. The things of God knows no man. But the spirit of God knows everything. Thank God. And my dear friends we are going to see in these studies that except he teaches us we are going to be totally unaware of what God's truth is with his teaching. It will be blessed infinitely blessed indeed. So we know the Holy Spirit is not only a person he is also deity he is one of the members of the Godhead. He is divine the Holy Spirit is God because divine names are given to him he has divine characteristics attributes.

He has eternity he has omnipresence omnipotent omniscient and yet he's associated with a father and son. Notice it in Matthew 28:19 and that wonderful wonderful missionary portion and missionary command Matthew 28:19 go you therefor, this great directive, go ye therefore. What's the therefore? Therefore, in view of the fact that all power in heaven and earth is given unto him go ye therefore and teach all nations doing what baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. You mean to say the name of the Holy Spirit is joined with father and son. Yes not only joined but in the singular. The name of Father Son and Holy Spirit. It's not names. They are all equally deity. Now if you want to see how ridiculous this can be if you put another name there just say in the name of the father and the son and the Archangel Michael or the angel Gabriel. It's ridiculous beyond all expression, impossible.

The greatest man that ever lived the greatest philosopher scientist. He couldn't fit into the name of the Father and of the Son and of whom. No. No. It's got to be the name of the Father the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He's associated with the father and with the son. In Second

Corinthians 13 fourteen 13:14 in that beautiful benediction Second Corinthians 13 14 the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. Yes. Three persons of the godhead. He is associated with the father and the son and then First Corinthians 12:4 to six verses 4 to 6. We are told about the gifts in the body of Christ. Now there are diversities differences of gifts but the same spirit, hear it. And there are differences of administrations but the same Lord spirit the third person of the trinity, Lord that's the Lord Jesus Christ.

And there are diversities of operations but it is the same God who worketh all in all. Notice the spirit is in this beautiful passage right alongside of the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father. He is unquestionably undeniably associated with the Father and the Son. And then he performs divine works, creation. Do you mean to say the Holy Spirit was involved in creation? I know God the Father was if I understand Genesis 1, you say yes in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Evidently, the emphasis there is on God the Father and the evident emphasis in John 1 is on the son, on the Lord Jesus Christ. The word was with God and he was God and not anything was made. But what was made by him without him was not anything made. John one. But don't forget creation was the work of the Holy Spirit too, Psalm 104 verse 30 thou sendest forth thy spirit they are created and thou renewest the face of the earth. That's the Holy Spirit. Work in creation.

It depends upon him. Job 33:4, the Spirit of God. Now that's not just the lower creation it has reference to do with man too, the spirit of God hath made me and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life job 33:4 he had something to do with the creation of human beings. Yes, he performs divine works creation and then regeneration to bring a soul out of death into life for a soul to be born out of the kingdom of Satan translated into the Kingdom of the son of God's love.

Hear it, in John 3:5-8 who is that great regenerator? We're never called children; we're never called children of the Holy Spirit. But nevertheless, he is our generator. He fathered us in the spiritual sense, hear it. John 3:5-8. Jesus answered verily verily I say to you except a man be born of water and the spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Notice this, he has said born of water and of the spirit once born of the spirit.

Now in the next verse, that which is born of the spirit. Number two born of the spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee you must be born again. The wind bloweth where it willeth and thou hearest the sound of it but canst not tell from where it cometh and where it goeth. So is everyone that is born of the spirit. Have you paid attention my dear friend to this beautiful passage? Number one born of the spirit. Number two born of the spirit. Number 3 born of the spirit a threefold cord is not easily broken. Yes regeneration. I say it without fear of contradiction. Regeneration is by the Spirit of God. Any other means is spurious false counterfeit as satanic and devilish as it can be. There is no such thing as being born again of any other person in all the universe than through the Holy Spirit. You are born physically of your parents and that has happened multiplied times innumerable times but nobody not even once has been born again in the old or the New Testament.

No one can be born again except by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. And then look at this divine work of resurrection who can bring life out of death. We know the Lord Jesus did in John 11 and we know God can. Listen to this, resurrection in Romans 8:11. But if the spirit of him that's Spirit of God that raised up Jesus from the dead who raised up Jesus from the dead? The spirit of God if he dwell in you he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also give life to your mortal bodies. How? He doesn't want you to be in doubt about it, by his Spirit capital S that

dwelleth in you. The indwelling Holy Spirit that raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal body. Yes, he is not only the great creator he is not only the great regenerator along with the father and the son he is also the great re-ressurector as in Romans 11. Minister once said you know I've come a hundred miles to get some of Mr. Moody's spirit. The reply was correctly you don't want my spirit said Moody.

That dear man of God in true humility he said you don't want my spirit what you want is the spirit of God. He's right. He certainly was right as he was in more than many occasions. The Holy Spirit is more than any human or created spirit he is the Lord of the ministry and he is the great regenerator God help any preacher God help any teacher God help any missionary who seeks to do any spiritual work without the marvelous performer of divine works namely the Holy Spirit of God. Now we want to come to the second phase of our subject. We have answered that question is the Holy Spirit a divine person we see he's a person he's divine. What does he do for the world? What does the Holy Spirit do for the world? Very important area here. Now what does the Holy Spirit of God do for the world? Well first of all as we've already indicated the Holy Spirit created the world, hear it, in Genesis 1:2, and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the spirit of God. Who was it? The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Job 33:4.

We've already given it, the spirit of God has made me and the breath of the Almighty has given me life. Yes creation absolutely essential to have the spirit. Hear it, in Psalm 104 verse 30 thou sendest forth thy spirit they are created thou renewest the face of the earth. The Holy Spirit created the world yes. Isaiah forty verse seven tells us the grass withers the flower fadeth because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it. Surely, the people are grass. They depend upon him for their vitality for their life for their sustenance. The Holy Spirit is creator just as much. I

repeat it, exactly as much and to the same degree as the father and the son are in the work of creation. They are creators and then the Holy Spirit not only created the world this is his ministry to the world. The Holy Spirit restrains he holds back the world's sin. Second Thessalonians two, 6 and 7 says the Apostle Paul the believers in Thessalonica. That Greek city in the first century now called Salonica and now you know what restraineth that he might be revealed in his time that the Anti-Christ should be revealed for the mystery of iniquity doth already worked oh how it's going on day after day.

Only he who now hindereth, what's called what is called he because the word in the Greek for spirit is a neuter. That's grammatical gender the natural gender is he, he the spirit of life. So you have this same going from neuter, which is grammatical gender to natural gender a masculine. So what restrains is now said only he not he who now Hindereth, restrains will continue to hinder until he's taken out of the way as he goes up in the church where he now resides. The church is a dwelling of God through the spirit we're told in Ephesians and so the Holy Spirit blessed be his name restrains the world's sin, he keeps it back or believers couldn't live in this world if it were not for this ministry the Holy Spirit it would not be possible for the godly to live on Earth.

They would do so with the greatest of difficulty. Wicked men would perform all that's in their ungodly hearts without hindrance even Isaiah tells us in Chapter 59 verse 19. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the West and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood and sometimes it appears as if he's going to overflow inundate us. When that enemy comes in like a flood the devil and his cohorts, his followers the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And he says just this far and that's all. You don't



dare come any farther. Yes, I say wicked men would do all they'd accomplish all that's in their ungodly hearts if it were not for the restraint of the spirit of God.

A young man was under the influence of liquor and he was standing on the outside of a crowd he boasted he would make that open air preacher quit preaching if it was the last thing he did and he shouted out hi Mr.. You can go home. You don't need to preach any more. The devil is dead. The preacher looked at this young man sternly and said the devil's dead? Then you're an orphan. That young man hurried away ashamed while the crowd laughed him to scorn. No the devil's not dead he is very much alive and therefore the Holy Spirit has to keep his work going to restrain to hold back as a dam does or a dike does. The overwhelming flood of iniquity and how it's getting more and more difficult to live just a plain, godly life in this world, which isn't so plain. It is a supernatural thing but oh how the world keeps pressing in, pressing in, the world then was created by the Holy Spirit as well as God the Father and the son the Holy Spirit created the world.

The Holy Spirit restrains the world's sin. And then what else does he do for the world the Holy Spirit convicts the world. What's that word convict mean, it means persuades convinces beyond the shadow of a doubt that is the vital ministry the Holy Spirit carries on in the spiritual realm. It must be understood in all service for God the Holy Spirit convinces unsaved men in the world of three things, of sin, which is man's. Of righteousness, which is Christ, of judgment, which is upon Satan, notice each phase of this work. Yes, it's vital to see that we do not beseech the Holy Spirit to perform this ministry, hear it, in John 16, eight to eleven. And when he, that's the Holy Spirit, is come, he will reprove he will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment of sin because they believe not on me that's the great condemning damning

blasting sin that will send men and women into a Christless eternity of woe because of sin they believe not on me.

The Lord Jesus Christ has gone and he convinces of righteousness. Because I go to my father you see me no more God has no other way. This is the way the Holy Spirit convinces us that our greatest sin is that we don't believe in the Lord Jesus Christ not that murder has been committed. That's terrible. Bad enough. Unspeakable but the greatest sin of all is they don't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ there's no other way to get to glory. There's no other way no other basis upon which God can assign divine righteousness to us except through the way of a cross the way the Lord Jesus Christ has made for us for the glory. So he convinces of sin, you haven't believed in Christ. He keeps on that one point and then he says are you convinced of your sin? Yes but I'm undone I never will get to God.

Ah you need a divine righteousness and I can tell you that it's available to you says the Holy Spirit on the basis of another person of the Trinity. The Lord Jesus Christ. He's gone to the father. You see him no more. He hasn't done his work imperfectly so that he needs are come back and finish it up. Touch it up again. No. And then he is also convinced as the Holy Spirit does convinces every sinner of judgment. Somebody may say well that's all true. I know I'm a sinner. I know I have to have God's righteousness but I don't think I am any kind of an equal to the devil of course you're not. Of course you're not. He's a supernatural being not a divine being he's a supernatural being. You're no match for him but he's already been judged at the cross, Colossians 2:14, 15 and 16 of judgment. The Holy Spirit convinces us and convinces every person who's been unsaved and is unsaved because the Prince of this world Satan is judged. Yes, God the Son does a marvelous ministry. God the Father does.

God the Holy Spirit does is vital to see that we don't plead with the Holy Spirit to perform this ministry. Early in my ministry, I used to plead oh spirit convict souls. That's a useless prayer. He's in the world for that purpose. He knows his ministry. He knows his office work. He knows his task. He does it beautifully. That's why the harvest always outstrips the laborers because the harvest depends upon the Lord Jesus upon the Holy Spirit and the Jesus Christ. Whereas the Ministry of missions depends upon our willingness to go. George Whitfield went to preach once at Exeter. A ruffian went to the meeting with his pockets full of stones to throw at the preacher. He waded through the prayer thinking it would be greater sport to stop Whitfield after he got to preaching as soon as the text was named he pulled a stone waited for a good opportunity to throw it.

But the Holy Spirit sent almost the first sentences straight to his heart and that stone fell from his hand. When the sermon was over, he went to Whitfield and said Sir I came to hear you intending to break your head but the spirit of God through your words has broken my heart he was right by the Spirit of God. His heart was broken the man was gloriously safe and became an influential believer. Thank God for the abundant Ministry of the Holy Spirit and His Wonderful person. He is a person. He is God. He is creator. He is restrainer and he is convicter. Blessed be the name of the Holy Spirit of God.

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