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"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.." — 1 John 4:13

WHO OR WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is fully God just as God the Father and God the Son Jesus Christ. God the Spirit is the third member of the Godhead or the Trinity.

Peter called the Holy Spirit "God" in Acts 5:3-4: "Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?" (v.3) "thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." (v.4)

The bodies of those in Christ are described as *temples of God* because the Holy Spirit is in us. 1 Corinthians 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Jesus called the Holy Spirit "*the Comforter*" (John 14:26), "*the Spirit of Truth*" (John 16:13), and "*the Helper*" (John 16:7).

The Holy Spirit is a "person", not merely a mystical force:

The Holy Spirit can be grieved: "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

The Holy Spirit has a will: "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." (1 Corinthians 12:11)

The Holy Spirit has a mind: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10)

The Holy Spirit has fellowship with believers: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Holy Spirit intercedes for us: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:26b)

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Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Thessalonians 2:5 (KJV)

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other

1 John 4

On Denying the Incarnation

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the *Spirit of God*: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the *spirit of truth*, and the spirit of error.

God's Love and Ours

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth *is born of God*, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.



*Beloved, if God so loved us,
we ought also to love one
another.*

In this was manifested
the love of God toward
us, because that God
sent his only begotten
Son into the world,
that we might live
through him.

Herein is love, not that
we loved God, but that
he loved us, and sent
his Son to be the
propitiation for our
sins.

How we Know

We Have the Holy Spirit

1. We confess Jesus came in the flesh
(1 John 4:2)
2. The Holy Spirit testifies to us what is
the truth (1 John 4:6)
3. We love others because we are born of
God(1 John 4:7)

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, *God dwelleth in us*, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because *he hath given us of his Spirit*.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, *God dwelleth in him, and he in God*.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and *he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him*.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: *because as he is, so are we in this world.*

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loved us.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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4. We love one another because He has given us His spirit (1 John 4:12)
5. We confess that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 4:14)
6. We believe the love that God has for us (1 John 4:16)
7. We love God (1 John 4:19)

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