

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13 - 14

Who do you say the Holy Spirit is and why?

- A thing
- A force
- A Person

Why? What has influenced your view?

What do we mean when we say 'I believe in the Holy Spirit'  
We mean we believe in the Holy Spirit as revealed in Scripture

**The Bible reveals**

1. The Person of the Holy Spirit
2. The work of the Holy Spirit
3. The meaning of our confession when we say we believe in the Holy Spirit

**THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is personal, divine and separate from God the Father and God the Son (distinct)

The Holy Spirit is personal

See John 15:26, John 16:13 - 14

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

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The Holy Spirit is divine

Also Acts 5:1-4

... lied to the Holy Spirit

... You have not lied just to human beings but to God

The Holy Spirit is both personal and divine

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The Holy Spirit is distinct

The Holy Spirit is not just another name for God

John 15:26

Whom I will send - so he is not Christ

From the Father - so he is not the Father

But he is referred to as God in Scripture  
This only makes sense through the doctrine of the Trinity

#### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

##### **We see the work of the Spirit in all of Scripture**

- Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit - 2 Peter 1:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16
- The Spirit was active in Christ's life and ministry

##### **We see the work of the Spirit in the particular lives of Christians**

See 1 Corinthians 12:3

... no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Spirit

The Spirit leads us into all truth - John 16:13

The Spirit gives us confidence - Ephesians 1:13-14

#### THE IMPLICATION OF OUR CONFESSION

See Ephesians 3:14-19

It is that we have a personal relationship with Christ

... so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith vs. 17a

It is that we are led by the Holy Spirit

The Spirit lets us experience what it is to be sons and daughters of God - vs. 18,19

One last question:

#### HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

What does the Bible say?

Acts 2:38