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I. The Holy Spirit is a Person

A. He acts like a person

1. He teaches (Jn. 14:26)
2. He testifies (Jn. 15:26)
3. He comforts (Jn. 14:16; 16:7)
4. He convicts of sin (Jn. 16:8)
5. He guides into truth (Jn. 16:13)
6. He speaks and hears (Jn. 16:13)
7. He forbids (Acts 16:6-7)
8. He intercedes (Ro. 8:26)

B. He Possesses the attributes of a person

1. A will (1 Co. 12:11)
2. Thought (Ro. 8:27)
3. Knowledge (1 Co. 2:10-11)
4. Language (1 Co. 2:13)
5. Love (Ro. 15:30)

C. He can be treated like a person. He can be...

1. Lied to (Acts 5:3)
2. Tempted (Acts 5:9)
3. Resisted (Acts 7:51)
4. Grieved (Eph. 4:30)
5. Blasphemed (Matt. 12:31)
6. called Upon (Ez. 37:9)

D. He is always spoken of in the masculine gender

1. The word "spirit" is neuter
2. The pronouns used with the Holy Spirit, however, are always masculine, not neuter



II. The Holy Spirit is God

A. He possesses divine attributes

1. Omniscience (1 Co. 2:10-11)
2. Omnipresence (Psalm 139:7)
3. Omnipotence (Zech. 4:6)
4. Unsearchable greatness (Is. 30:18)
5. Eternal (He. 9:14)

B. He is equal with Jesus and the Father

1. We are to baptize in the name (singular) of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
2. Jesus is a "Comforter" and calls the Spirit "another Comforter" (John 14:16)
3. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Co. 6:19)
4. The Spirit works with Jesus and Father in giving gifts (1 Co. 12:4-6)

C. Direct References

1. 2 Corinthians 3:17
2. John 4:24
3. Acts 5:3-4

D. Old Testament passages that refer to God that are applied to Holy Spirit in New Testament

1. Is. 6:8-10 with Acts 28:25-27
2. Ex. 16:7 with Heb. 3:7-9

III. The Work of the Holy Spirit

A. Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment (Jo. 16:8-9)

B. Regeneration (Jo. 3:5-8)

C. Baptizes us into the body of Christ (1 Co. 12:13; Ga. 3:26-27)

D. Indwells the believer (1 Co. 6:19; 1 Jo. 2:27; Ro. 8:9)

E. Earnest of salvation (2 Co. 1:21-22)

F. Seals the believer (Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30)

G. Fills and empowers believers (Eph. 5:18)

IV. Other things to note about the Holy Spirit

- A. He is author of the Scriptures (2 Ti. 3:16; 2 Pe. 1:20-21)
- B. He does not speak of himself, but of Christ (Jo. 16:13)
- C. He is Co-Creator (Gen. 1:1-3)

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