

Doctrine 62 [Part 5: Redemption | Doctrine 16]: Deity of the Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, possessing the fullness of deity like the Father and Son. His deity can be seen in the fact that He is eternal (Heb. 9:14), omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-8), the creator and giver of life (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 104:30; John 3:5-7), and directly identified with the Triune God (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

From the Bible

Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Psalms 139:7-8 (NKJV)

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

Genesis 1:2 (NKJV)

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Psalms 104:30 (NKJV)

30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

John 3:5-7 (NKJV)

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NKJV)

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

John 4:24 (NKJV)

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Key Thoughts

God is Spirit, but God is not the Holy Spirit ("God" is usually a reference to God the Father)

The Holy Spirit is not a description of the force or power of God, the Holy Spirit is a distinct person of the Triune God.

As God, The Holy Spirit, has all of the same attributes as The Father and The Son

Additional Thought

We struggle to understand the triune nature of God but cannot ignore this is how God reveals Himself to us

The Holy Spirit may be the most enigmatic person of the trinity, but He is present right from the very beginning of scripture and has a distinct and vital role all the way throughout it