

How does
the Bible
and the
Spirit of Prophecy
describe
the Holy Spirit?

*“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak
not according to this word, it is because there is
no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20*

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Scriptural Passages about the Holy Spirit

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:8 "He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us **his holy Spirit.**"
2. Philippians 1:19 "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of **the Spirit of Jesus Christ,**"
3. Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."
4. Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit of Christ,** he is none of his."
5. John 14:16-17; 20:22 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter,** that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you,** and shall be in you. And when he had said this, **he breathed on them,** and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:"
6. John 14:22-23 "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that **thou** wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come unto him,** and make our abode with him.
7. John 15:26 "But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth,** which **proceedeth from the Father,** he shall testify of me:"
8. Romans 15:19 "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of **the Spirit of God;** so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

9. Psalm 143:10 "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: **thy spirit** is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
10. Matthew 3:16-17 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
11. Romans 8:11 "But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead** dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit** that dwelleth in you."
12. Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by **the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God."
13. Isaiah 40:13 "Who hath directed **the Spirit of the Lord**, or being his counsellor hath taught him?"
14. 2 Corinthians 3:3 "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with **the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."
15. Luke 4:18 "**The Spirit of the Lord** is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"
16. Isaiah 61:1 "**The Spirit of the Lord God** is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"
17. Isaiah 59:21 "As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; **My spirit that is upon thee**, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever."
18. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 "Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by **the Spirit of the Lord**."
19. Psalms 51:11 "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not **thy holy spirit** from me."
20. 1 Peter 1:11 "Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ**

which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

21. Isaiah 44:3 "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit** upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."
22. Isaiah 42:1 "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; **I have put my spirit** upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."
23. Matthew 10:20 "For it is not ye that speak, but **the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you**."
24. 1 Corinthians 2:10-14 "But God hath revealed them unto us by **his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost** teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of **the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
25. Ephesians 4:4-6,30 "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."
26. Nehemiah 9:20,30 "Thou gavest also **thy good spirit** to instruct them, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by **thy spirit** in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands."

Spirit of Prophecy passages about the Holy Spirit

1. "We want the Holy Spirit, **which is Jesus Christ**." {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18}
2. "All professions of Christianity are but lifeless expressions of faith until **Jesus imbues the believer with his spiritual life, which is the Holy Ghost**."

The evangelist is not prepared to teach the truth, and to be the representative of Christ, till he has received this heavenly gift." {3SP 242.2}

3. The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. **The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.** It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. {DA 805}

4. The Lord Jesus **standing by the side of the canvassers**, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, **the Holy Spirit by our side** will make impressions in just the lines needed. {MC 40.3}

5. "**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ**, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him. The Lord has provided that we should always be under the teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit." {14MR 84.3}

6. "**The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally.** Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. **By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high.**" {DA 669.2}

7. "The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to **shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter**, as one who reprove, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it". {RH, August 26, 1890 par. 10}

8. "The influence of **the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.**" {RH, October 26, 1897 par. 15}

9. "**The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God**, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ." {RH, April 5, 1906 par. 16}

10. "It is **His mind** that is working through all who yield themselves to his control." {RH, Jan 11, 1887}

11. "Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of **His Spirit**, a life of unreserved surrender to His service." {DA 676}

12. "**It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God**, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal. {DA 388}

13. "But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead** dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**" (Rom. 8:11). O how precious are these words to every bereaved soul! **Christ is our Guide and Comforter**, who comforts us in all our tribulations. . . The vitalizing power of **the Spirit of Christ** dwelling in the mortal body binds every believing soul to Jesus Christ. . . **By the power of the Saviour** that dwelt in them while living and because they were partakers of the divine nature, they are brought forth from the dead. {2SM 270, 271}

14. "As by faith we look to **Jesus**, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter.**" {19MR 296, 297}

15. "He had not a thorough knowledge of the mission of Christ, his resurrection and ascension, and of **the work of his Spirit, the Comforter** which he sent down to remain with his people during his absence. They accordingly sent for Apollos, and the educated orator received instruction from them with grateful surprise and joy. {LP 119}

16. "The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and **the holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.**" {RH, November 29, 1892 par. 3}

17. "**Of the Comforter it is written**, "He will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." **Through the Holy Spirit, Christ** will open more clearly to those who believe on him that which he has inspired holy men to write concerning the truth." {RH, April 12, 1892 par. 24}

18. "Christ declared that after his ascension, he would send to his church, as his crowning gift, **the Comforter**, who was to take his place. **This Comforter is the Holy Spirit,--the soul of his life**, the efficacy of his church, the light and life of the world. **With his Spirit Christ** sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin." {RH, May 19, 1904 par. 1}

19. "Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of **the third person of the Godhead**, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fulness of divine power. **It is the Spirit** that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's **Redeemer**. It is by **the Spirit** that the heart

is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **Christ has given his Spirit** as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress his own character upon the church." {RH, May 19, 1904 par. 3}

20. "Let them study the seventeenth of John, and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. **He is the Comforter**. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full." {RH, January 27, 1903}

21. "**The Saviour is our Comforter**. This I have proved Him to be." {8MR 49}

22. "As by faith we look to Jesus, our faith pierces the shadow, and we adore God for His wondrous love in giving **Jesus the Comforter**." {19MR No. 1405 Preston, Melbourne, July 26, 1892 p. 297 Sons and Daughters of God p.124}

23. "There is **no comforter like Christ**, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. **His Spirit speaks** to the heart." {Review and Herald Oct 26, 1897}

24. "He is coming to us by **His Holy Spirit** today. **Let us recognize Him now**; then we shall recognize **Him when He comes** in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory." {Review and Herald, April 30, 1901}

25. "While **Jesus** ministers in the sanctuary above, **He is still by His Spirit** the minister of the church on earth." {Desire of Ages p. 166}

26. "**He** gives them **His Holy Spirit**, the manifestation of **His presence and favor**." {Testimonies Vol 9, p. 230 1909}

27. "And when **He** had said this, **He breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost**: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." **The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified**. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, **Christ breathed His Spirit upon them**. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished. {Desire of Ages p. 805}

28. "**Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples**, and give them the inspiration of **his sanctifying spirit**, and transfuse the vital influence **from himself** to his people... **Christ is to live in his human agents**. {Signs of the Times Oct 3, 1892}

29. "The **Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God**, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. {Review & Herald April 5, 1906}

30. "The words that **I speak** are **spirit** and life' John 6:63. **Christ** is not here referring to **His doctrine, but to His person, the divinity of His character**." {1 Selected Messages p. 249}

31. "**Christ** is to be known by the blessed name of Comforter." {Ms7-1902 (January 26, 1902) par. 10}

32. "**Christ comes as a Comforter** to all who believe. He invites your confidence. He says, "Abide in me." Surely we may trust in our loving Saviour." {8MR 57}

33. "All who consecrate body, soul, and spirit to His service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental, and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. **Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life**. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in mind and heart." {MH 159}

34. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: **but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you**, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless" [John 14:15-18]. **Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally**; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, **and send the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself** divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. **He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent**." {14MR 23}

35. "It is not essential for you to know and be able to define **just what the Holy Spirit is**. Christ tells us that **the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and the Comforter is the Holy Ghost**, "the Spirit of truth, which the Father shall send in My name." "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you **another Comforter**, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world

cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for **He dwelleth with you**, and shall be in you" [John 14:16, 17]. **This refers to the omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter.**" {14MR 179}

36. "I wish to impress upon you the fact **that those who have Jesus** abiding in the heart by faith, **have actually received the Holy Spirit**. Every individual who receives **Jesus** as his personal Saviour, just as surely **receives the Holy Spirit** to be his Counselor, Sanctifier, Guide, and Witness." {14MR 71}

37. "The teacher must be baptized with **the Holy Spirit**. Then the mind and **spirit of Christ** will be in him, and he will confess Christ in a spiritual and holy life." {RH, February 9, 1892 par. 21}

38. "In His work on earth, Christ lifts the veil that conceals the invisible world from our view, and reveals the power that is constantly exercised for our good. **The same ministry which He performed on earth was continued after His ascension to heaven**. Through **His representative, the Holy Spirit, God in Christ** still ministers to the children of men." {2MR 43, 44}

39. "We are to make supplication according to the will of God, relying on the precious word, and believing that Christ not only gave himself for but to his disciples. The record declares, "**He breathed on them**, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." **Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples, and give them the inspiration of his sanctifying spirit, and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people**. He would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. Christ is to live in his human agents, and work through their faculties, and act through their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to his will, they must act with **his spirit**, that it may be no more they that live, but Christ that liveth in them. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving **his Holy Spirit** he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that he and his people may be one in God." {ST, October 3, 1892 par. 3, 4}

40. "What saith our Saviour? **"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."** "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father; and I will love him, and **will manifest myself to him.**" When trials overshadow the soul, **remember the words of Christ, remember that He is an unseen presence in the person of the Holy Spirit**, and He will be the peace and comfort given you, manifesting to you that He is with you, the Sun of Righteousness, chasing

away your darkness. "If a man love me," Christ said, "he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**" Be of good cheer; light will come, and your soul will rejoice greatly in the Lord." — {Letter 124, 1897; DG 185}

41. "There are today many as ignorant of the Holy Spirit's work upon the heart as were those believers in Ephesus; yet no truth is more clearly taught in the word of God. Prophets and apostles have dwelt upon this theme. Christ Himself calls our attention to the growth of the vegetable world as an illustration of **the agency of His Spirit** in sustaining spiritual life. The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit. So **the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Saviour**, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds. {AA 284.1}

42. "When God's people search the Scriptures with a desire to know what is truth, **Jesus is present in the person of His representative, the Holy Spirit**, reviving the hearts of the humble and contrite ones." (John 15:23, 10-11 quoted.) {Ms. 158, 1898; 12MR 145}

43. "Who but **Jesus Christ, by His Spirit** and divine power, guided the pens of the sacred historians that to the world might be presented the precious record of the sayings and works of Jesus Christ?" {2MR 14}

44. "The influence of **the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not now see Christ and speak to Him, but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as another.**" {2MR 28}

45. "Earthly comforters may do their best. They speak to the ear, but **there is no comfort like Christ's**, so tender and so true. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. **His Spirit** speaks to the heart. Circumstances may separate friends; the wide, broad sea may roll its restless waters between us and them. Their words and sincere wishes may still exist, and yet they be unable to demonstrate them and do for us that which would be pleasant and gratefully received. But no distance, no circumstances can separate us from "**the Comforter.**" **Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is there, always a Presence, a Person connected with heaven, One given us in Christ's place, to act in His stead.** He is always at our right hand, to speak to us soothing, gentle words, to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer." — {Letter 89b, 1897, pp. 1, 2. (To Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Lacey, March 22, 1897.) {2MR 32}

46. **“Christ, our Mediator, is the one who gives the Holy Spirit;** and by the office work of the Holy Spirit, the atonement made on Calvary is brought in contact with the soul of man to transform his character, and change his nature, until it can be said in heaven, "Ye are laborers together with God, wearing Christ's yoke, bearing his burden." Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, man becomes the agent through which souls are brought into the kingdom of heaven." {YI, July 5, 1894 par. 5, 6}

47. **“In giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself,** making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.” {7T 273}

48. “Never before have the angels listened to such a prayer. They are eager to bear to their loved Commander a message of assurance and comfort. But no; the Father Himself will answer the petition of His Son. **Direct from the throne issue the beams of His glory.** The heavens are opened, and **upon the Saviour's head** descends a dovelike form of purest light, — **fit emblem of Him, the meek and lowly One.**” {DA 112.1}

49. **“Before the entrance of sin** among the angels: Christ the Word, **the only-begotten of God,** was one with the eternal Father, — one in nature, in character, and in purpose, — **the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ,** the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings.” {GC 493}

50. **Christ by His Holy Spirit** will supply the force and the power. This is **His work.**” {COL 337.1}

51. **“Jesus draws us to himself through the agency of his divine Spirit;** and through faith in his blood we are cleansed from sin; “for the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanest us from all sin.” {RH March 1, 1892 par.8}

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