

# **The Personality Of The Holy Spirit #2**

## **INTRODUCTION**

A good starting place is to consider **who** or **what** the Holy Spirit is...

- a. Is the Holy Spirit a person, one that possesses "personality"?
- b. Or is the Holy Spirit simply an "influence", or "impersonal force" that emanates from God?  
> Members of the Watchtower Society (who call themselves "Jehovah's Witnesses"), would have us believe such is the case. "As for the 'Holy Spirit', the so-called 'third person of the trinity', we believe that it is, not a person, but God's active force."

It is my contention, however, that the Bible reveals the Holy Spirit to be...

- a. A "personal" being, possessing every trait of what we call "personality"
- b. Not some "impersonal force" that emanates from God!

## **I. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORKS MANIFEST PERSONALITY**

### **A. THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS...**

### **B. THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES...**

### **C. THE HOLY SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS...**

### **D. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES, HEARS, SPEAKS, TELLS...**

### **E. THE HOLY SPIRIT FORBIDS...**

### **F. THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES...**

## **II. THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESSES PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **A. HE HAS A MIND...**

### **B. HE HAS KNOWLEDGE...**

### **C. HE POSSESSES AFFECTION...**

## D. HE HAS A WILL...

### III. THE HOLY SPIRIT SUFFERS PERSONAL SLIGHTS AND INJURIES

#### A. HE CAN BE GRIEVED...

#### B. HE CAN BE BLASPHEMED...

#### C. HE CAN BE INSULTED...

#### D. HE CAN BE LIED TO...

#### E. HE CAN BE RESISTED...

### CONCLUSION

1. A mere **principle** or **influence** cannot sustain these slights, only a **personal being**; so it is clear...
  - a. The Bible presents the Holy Spirit as a personal being
  - b. We should regard the Holy Spirit as a "He", not an "it"!
2. But is this personal being also a **supreme** being?
  - a. Angels are personal beings, but not supreme beings
  - b. What does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit?
3. For now, have you considered your personal relationship to the Holy Spirit...?
  - a. How **He** feels for you?
  - b. What **He** has done, and is doing, for you in God's scheme of redemption?
  - c. How **He** reacts to your reception or rejection of the Word **He** has revealed?
4. Might you even be guilty of "**resisting the Holy Spirit**"...?
  - a. By resisting the commands of the apostles and prophets?
  - b. "Who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven"? - **1 Pet 1:12**; cf. **Acts 2:36-38**

We will next study **the deity of the Holy Spirit**, and how it relates to the concept of God