

The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit

Heidelberg Catechism - Q53: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A53: First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits through true faith, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

The doctrine of the Trinity: there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God is one in essence and three in person.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

Psalms 33:6 By the **word** of the **Lord** the heavens were made, and by the **breath** of his mouth all their host.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "**Let us** make man in our image, after **our likeness**. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **Lord God** made the earth and the heavens.

The Holy Spirit is a person, not an "It". He is the third person of the Trinity.

Ephesians 4:30 And **do not grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption**.

John 14:26 But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he** will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

The Holy Spirit is the revealer of truth, guardian of our salvation and our means of obedience.

Ephesians 1:13 In him (Christ) you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him** (Christ), were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit,

1Corinthians 2:13 And **we impart this in words** not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths **to those who are spiritual**.

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the **Pharisees** named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

John 3:2 This man came to Jesus **by night** and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that **you are a teacher come from God**, for no one can do these signs that you do unless **God is with him**.”

John 1:1b ...the Word was **with God**, and the Word **was God**.

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**.”

John 3:4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and **the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**.

John 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘**You must be born again**.’

John 3:8 The **wind (Spirit)** blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. **So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit**.”

John 3:9 Nicodemus said to him, **“How can these things be?”**

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:14 who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

2Corinthians 1:21 And it is **God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,**

2Corinthians 1:22 and **who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**

Galatians 4:6 And because you are **sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,** crying, “Abba! Father!”

Romans 8:16 The **Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

Ezekiel 36:25 I (Lord God) will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,** and from all your idols **I will cleanse you.**

Ezekiel 36:26 And **I will give you a new heart,** and a **new spirit** I will put within you. And **I will remove the heart** of stone from your flesh and **give you a heart** of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:27 And **I will put my Spirit within you,** and **cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Romans 8:9 You, however, **are not in the flesh** but in the **Spirit,** if in fact the **Spirit of God dwells in you.** Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

What is the difference between being baptized with the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Spirit?

Short but true answer: Jesus is the one who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. This happens only once at conversion to all believers. There is no second baptism, however we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit.

Mark 1:8 I have baptized you with water, but **he (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**”

Jesus is the one who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

1Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit **we were all baptized** into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and **all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

Having the Holy Spirit and being filled to full with the Spirit is different.

Ephesians 3:14 For **this reason I bow my knees before the Father,**

Ephesians 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory **he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit** in your **inner being,**

Ephesians 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being **rooted and grounded** in love,

Ephesians 3:18 may have **strength to comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to **know the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God.**

Ephesians 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Ephesians 5:16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore **do not** be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18 And **do not** get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit,**

Acts 1:8 But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,** and **you will be** my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Ephesians 5:19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord **with your heart,**

Ephesians 5:20 **giving thanks always and for everything** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 5:21 **submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

Acts 6:3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, **full of the Spirit** and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Acts 6:5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and **they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,** and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Acts 4:1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

Acts 4:2 greatly annoyed because they were **teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**

Acts 4:3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

Acts 4:4 But many of those who had **heard the word believed**, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

Acts 4:5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,

Acts 4:6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

Acts 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “**By what power or by what name did you do this?**”

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,

Acts 4:9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,

Acts 4:10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

Acts 4:11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:13 Now when they **saw the boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were **uneducated, common men**, they were **astonished**. And **they recognized that they had been with Jesus**.

Acts 4:14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

Acts 4:15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another,

Acts 4:16 saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

Acts 4:17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, **let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”**

Acts 4:18 So they called them and **charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.**

Acts 4:19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

Acts 4:20 **for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”**

Acts 4:21 And when they had **further threatened them**, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.

Acts 4:22 For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Acts 4:23 When they were released, **they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.**

Acts 4:24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “**Sovereign Lord**, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

Acts 4:25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said **by the Holy Spirit**, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, **against the Lord and against his Anointed**’ —

Acts 4:27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your **holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed**, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

Acts 4:28 **to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.**

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and **grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,**

Acts 4:30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:31 And **when they had prayed**, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

Ephesians 5:18b ... but **be filled with the Spirit,**