

PRIME FACTS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

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1. The Spirit is a person, not a force, idea, emotional surge.
2. The Spirit is deity: Psalm **138:7-10**; Matthew **28:19**; Acts **5:3** (+ 4/9?); 1 Corinthians **2:10-11**; **12:4-6**; **13:14**; 2 Corinthians **1:21-22**; Ephesians **4:4-6**; Hebrews **9:14**.
3. The Spirit “proceeds” from the Father and the Son: John **14:16**.
4. There is a difference between the Spirit (personal) and manifestations of the Spirit:
miraculous manifestation via direct descent, laying on of hands, and answered prayer;
characteristic positive interpersonal behavior: John **13:35**; 1 Corinthians **13**.
5. The Spirit is not perceivable in himself without being manifested: Judges **16:20**.
6. We know we have the Spirit on the basis of promise, not perception; not feeling (see above),
miraculous gifts, frenzy, altered states of consciousness, ecstasy.
7. What the Spirit gives a person will not contradict what Christ has taught: John **16:15**;
Deuteronomy **13:1-5**.
8. Rule of Usage: If we cannot tell the difference between our experience from other people’s
experiences, we do not claim our idea or plan of action is from the Spirit; and we do not
bank on it ourselves. To the extent that God’s will is specific, his leading will be explicit.
9. Miraculous manifestation is not as important as interpersonal behavior: 1 Corinthians **12:30**.
Miracle is in the service of prophecy: 1 Corinthians **14:5**.
10. The Spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet: 1 Corinthians **14:32**.