

The word “**another**” allos = “another of the same kind.” Note: not heteros = “another of a **different** kind.

Scriptures to chew on: Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4—6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; Galatians 4:6 Ephesians 3:14—17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13—14

#3 — The Holy Spirit possesses all the characteristics of personhood — *intelligence, emotions, & will.*

Intelligence — *John 14:26 — . . . the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, . . . will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

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

Will — *1 Corinthians 12:11 — All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

Scriptures to chew on: Acts 5:3—4; 7:51; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Mathew 12:31 (all the things mentioned in these Scriptures can only be committed against a person, not an impersonal force)

#4 — The Holy Spirit performs moral actions and ministries that can only be done by a person.

He teaches, gives new life, searches, speaks, intercedes, gives commands, testifies, guides, sheds light on the Bible, and reveals truth.

Scriptures to chew on: Romans 8:26; John 16:8

FOUR ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#1 — Scripture often refers to the Holy Spirit and God interchangeably.

Acts 5: 3 & 4 — ³ “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it

was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Scriptures to chew on: 1 Corinthians 3: 16—17; 6:19—20

#2 — The Holy Spirit is described as possessing the same qualities or attributes as God.

Omniscience — 1 Corinthians 2: 10—11 — ¹⁰ The Spirit searches *all things*, even the *deep things of God*. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The power of the Holy Spirit and the power of God are synonymous — *Luke 1:35 — The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.*

Eternal — Hebrews 9:14 — How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the *eternal Spirit* offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Scriptures to chew on: Romans 15:19; John 16:8—11; Hebrews 1:10—12

#3 — The Holy Spirit is described as doing the same works commonly attributed only to God.

Creation — *Genesis 1:1 & 2 — ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Works *with us* and *on us* to *change us* — *Titus 3: 4 & 5 — ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit . . .*

Raised Christ from the dead and will raise us also — *Romans 8:11 — And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who*

raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Scriptures to chew on: Job 26:13; Psalm 104; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

#4 — The Scriptures present the Holy Spirit as being an equal with the Father and the Son.

Matthew 28:19 — Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 6 — ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

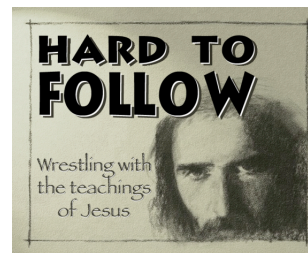
2 Corinthians 13:14 — May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Scriptures to chew on: 1 Peter 1:2

IMPLICATIONS OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Holy Spirit is a person not an impersonal force.
2. The Holy Spirit is God.
3. The Holy Spirit is in complete unity with the Father and the Son.
4. God is not far off.

*Eph 4: 1 – 4 — ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life **worthy of the calling you have received.** ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, **bearing with one another** in love. ³ Make **every effort** to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*



Part 9

Who (or What) Is the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:8 — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

FOUR ARGUMENTS FOR THE PERSONHOOD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (*Christian Theology*, Millard Erickson)

#1 — The Bible uses a masculine personal pronoun in representing him.

*John 16:13-14, ¹³ But when **he**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he** will guide you into all truth. **He** will not speak on **his** own; **he** will speak only what **he** hears, and **he** will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ **He** will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*

Scriptures to chew on: Ephesians 1:14

#2 — The Holy Spirit's personhood is seen in passages where he and his work are closely connected with the work of other persons.

John 14:26; 15:26; & 16:7.

John 15:26 — When the **Counselor** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

1 John 2:1 — My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous . . .

*John 14:16 & 17, ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another** Counselor to be with you forever — ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.*