

**THE PERSON & PRESENCE OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

INTRODUCTION

See **Acts 19**. When well acquainted with someone, you can tell other people about him or her. You can share things about their character, their life, and details that not everyone knows. This is the same with the Holy Spirit. If you don't have the Holy Spirit living inside you, how can you share with others about Him? We need to know the Spirit if we are going to share about Him. The Spirit has an extensive role in Christianity, in the creation and sustenance of the church as seen in Acts. There are no Christians without Him and there is no Christianity without Him. Let's get to know Him a little better together.

HIS MIND, PERSONALITY, AND EMOTION

HE is intellectual, logical, and pure. See **Isaiah 11:2**. This verse covers the details of His intelligence, and how we must have dependence and reliance on Him. Look at all the different words used to describe His mind: understanding, discerning, wise, mighty, counseling (He is our counselor!), and knowledgeable. He gives us a healthy fear of God, and reverence. All these things the Spirit produces in us. Without it we would go our own way. His very name Holy Spirit, should NOT be missed, or misrepresented. He also has a will (see **1 Corinthians 12:11**, and **Romans 8:14**). Here we see an explanation about how the gifts are distributed, by the Holy Spirit as He wills. Only His will can help us stay in the spirit and not the flesh. The love of the Holy Spirit produces much fruit in the life of the believer. See **Romans 15:30**.

UNBELIEVER/BELIEVER

Of course, the life of the unbeliever resists the Holy Spirit. By doing this they are insulting Him. This ultimately is refusing Him, His offer, and His love, especially His salvation. See **Acts 7:51**. These may seem like some harsh words, but the Lord will not be mocked. That brings us to the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit in **Matthew 12:31**. This is the ultimate refusal of the free gift of salvation. It would be like finding a match for an organ donor, and then going through the entire process and getting out of surgery just to find out they changed their mind. This is the refusing of the ultimate gift, the gift of everlasting life.

CONSIDER

Think of your heart like your home. What if there was a carbon monoxide (CO) issue in your house, and your carbon monoxide monitors were going off? You can't see the carbon monoxide, but because of those detectors you know it's there. Let the Lord be your CO detector, He knows all the things in your heart; let Him take care of it and let the Holy Spirit take care of your heart. Have you asked the Lord to fill you with the Spirit? If you have, have you given him full control of your life and your decisions? If you have not, then why not? Read **Ephesians 4:30** and **1 Thessalonians**.

PRAY...

*That more people would desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

*For the Holy Spirit to do a work in our lives and the lives of our families through the book of Acts.

*Pray for our government leaders, and the state of our country.