

Spirit of God - Spirit of Christ

A New Testament Review

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Scripture is from the NKJV unless otherwise noted*

INTRODUCTION

In this compilation, I have tried to include all of the significant verses which mention the Holy Spirit. No. I have not included every single verse with the word spirit. This study would be twice as long. I hope this compilation will prove a useful tool for you, especially when answering questions related to the nature of the Spirit. The verses are arranged in the order they appear in the New Testament - this for ease of use. I have added my commentary in italics.

I believe that God's Spirit is part of Himself, like my arm is a part of me. If I touch you with my arm, then I have touched you. My arm is not separate from myself. I do not believe that the Spirit is a third divine being with a will of His own that is in addition to that of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son of the Father.

Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found **with child of the Holy Spirit.**" (*Lk 1:35*)

Matthew 1:20 "But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**"

The Holy Spirit in our first two verses is that of God the Father. Jesus is called "the Son of the Father" (2John 1:3).

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Matthew 3:16 “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him” (Parallel: Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32).

Jesus was anointed by God His Father. “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power” (Act 10:38). “God the Father has set His seal on Him” (John 6:27). What is the “seal” of God? Answer: The Holy Spirit. Anciently, only priests and kings were anointed (by a prophet, and with olive oil). Jesus would become both our King and our High Priest. Rather than with oil, the Father anointed His Son with His own Spirit. His Spirit was made visible for just a moment, as a dove like apparition - this being a sign to John the Baptist and perhaps to some others.

Matthew 4:1 “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Matthew 10:19-20 “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but **the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.**”

You have one Father, He who is in Heaven (Matt. 23:9). The Holy Spirit in the above passage is that of God the Father. (Parallel: Luke 12:12)

Matthew 12:31-32 “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven** men. 32 “anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.” (Parallel: Luke 12:10)

Some folks see two divine beings in this passage - the Holy Spirit and Jesus. But what about God the Father? What about blasphemy against Him? Could it be that blasphemy against the man - Jesus, could be forgiven, but speaking against God His Father - the source of Christ’s power, would not be forgiven? This makes more sense - to me. When the rulers of the synagogue saw a paralyzed man healed, and a crippled hand, and a woman bent over for 18 years, their response was to say Christ did these things by the power of the Devil. This indeed was blasphemy against the Spirit of God His Father.

Matthew 12:18 “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.”

This is the Father speaking of His Son. “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17, Mar. 1:11, Lk 3:22, 2Pet. 1:17). Jesus Christ is the Servant and the Beloved. “The Father loves the Son” (Jn 3:35, Jn 5:20). There is no verse which says that the Spirit loves anyone. Only Christ and His Father are described as loving one another, and loving us.

Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

*Whom did Jesus credit with His miracles? Answer: His Father.
“The Father who dwells in Me, He does the works” (John 14:10).*

Matthew 22:43-44 “He said to them, ‘How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool?’”

*Who testified through David and through all of the Old Testament prophets?
Answer: “The Spirit of Christ who was in them” (1Pet. 1:11).
The Holy Spirit of the Old Testament was the pre-incarnate Son of God. He is and always has been the one and only Mediator - between God and mankind.*

*Who said to Jesus, “Sit at My right hand” ? Answer: God His Father.
Jesus is now “seated at the right hand of the Father” (Heb. 8:1).*

Conclusion: “The LORD” in this verse - is God the Father, and “my Lord” is Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:10 “And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.”

Matthew 12:18 “I will put My Spirit upon Him.”

Luke 11:13 “How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.”

See other comments with Matthew 3:16 and 12:18.

Luke 2:26-27 [The old man Simeon] “And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple.”

*Jesus said, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” (Jn 5:17).
I don’t see a third divine being at work here.*

Luke 4:1 “Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,”

*“The Father who dwells in Me, He does the works” (John 14:10).
“You Father are in Me” (John 17:21).*

Luke 4:14 “Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.”

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;” (quoted from Isaiah).

Jesus quoted the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Himself, and then said, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (Lk 4:21).

The LORD who anointed Jesus, is the same who sent Jesus.

Question: Who does Jesus say, sent Him? Answer: The Father (17 versus).

Luke 10:21 “In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.”

Paul told us to give thanks always, for all things, to God the Father (Eph. 5:20). There is no command to thank the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Luke 12:10 “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.”

(See comments with Matthew 12:31-32.)

John 1:32 “Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.’” (NIV)

(See comments with Matthew 3:16 and 12:18.)

John 1:33 “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

Very Important: *Jesus baptizes us - with the Holy Spirit!*

John 3:5 [To Nicodemus] "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, 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 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure."

Jesus said,

The Father "sent" Me (17 verses).

The Father gave Me His words to speak (Jn 12:49).

The Father who dwells in Me - He does the works (John 14:10).

The Father gave His Spirit to His Son (Matt. 12:18).

John 4:23-24 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

There is no command to worship the Holy Spirit.

John 6:63 "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you-- they are full of the Spirit and life." (NIV)

John 7:39 "But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (NAU).

Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matt. 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16).

He could not do this UNTIL He was glorified by His Father.

Jesus prayed - asking His Father to glorify Him with the same glory that He had - with the Father (no mention of the Spirit also) - before the world was (John 17:5).

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

1. The Father would give this new Helper.

2. The new Helper would abide with them.

3. Jesus would come to them - at a future point.

4. Jesus must “go away” before the new Helper would come to them (Jn 16:7).
Note: The Spirit had already been active in the world.
5. The New Helper was given AFTER Jesus was glorified - not before (Jn 7:39).
6. Jesus lived with them - at that moment.
7. At a future point - Jesus would be “in” them.
“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).
“God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts” (Galatians 4:6).

Conclusion: I believe that Jesus is here speaking of **His future glorified spirit self**.
Jesus spoke of His future glorified self in third person, on more than one occasion.
(Ref: Mat. 16:27, 25:31; Mk 8:38, 9:31; Lk 9:26, Lk 18:8; Jn 6:62.)

John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

This is THE text used most often to “prove” that the Holy Spirit is a third divine being, one that is sent to replace Jesus. Are we understanding Jesus statement as He intended?

1. Jesus said, “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me” (John 5:37).
Why would we look to another divine being, to testify of Jesus?

To “testify of” is to give evidence in support of, evidence which verifies.
The power and presence of Christ - with them and in them - would give evidence verifying that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

2. Jesus said, “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you” (John 14:19).

What “day” is Jesus talking about? Answer: Pentecost! On that Day - they knew!

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He [Christ] poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33).

John the Baptist prophesied that Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The infilling of the Spirit of His Father - without measure, enabled Jesus to pour this Spirit power and presence upon His disciples. He could truly say, “**I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you**” (John 14:20).

3. Jesus said that He would be “in” those who believed in Him.
 - “**I in you**” (John 14:20).
 - “Abide in Me, and **I in you**” (John 15:4).
 - “If **Christ is in you**, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” (Rom 8:10).
 - “You seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you (2Co 13:3).
 - “Do you not know yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you**?” (2Co 13:5)
 - “**Christ in you**, the hope of glory” (Col 1:27).
 - “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23).

4. “The Helper” that Jesus would “send”, “proceeds from the Father”.
 - Jesus “proceeded forth and came from God” (Jn 8:42).
 - “I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world” (Jn 16:28).
 - Does the Father have another Son? No!
 - Jesus is the “only begotten” to come forth from the Father”.

5. Why would one co-equal divine being direct or send another? That’s the question.
 - The Father is sending and directing, therefore He is “greater”. He is greater than His Son. Yes. But is He also greater than the Holy Spirit? And because Jesus would “send” the Helper, does that make Jesus “greater” than the Holy Spirit? That does not make sense. Jesus said, “Nor is one who is sent, greater than the one who sent him” (Jn 13:16). Jesus was “sent” by His Father (seventeen verses).

 - I find it much easier to believe that Jesus - after He was filled completely with the Spirit of His Father - poured His own Spirit presence upon His disciples. They were filled with His Spirit, therefore He (Christ) was “in” them. The “Spirit of God” has become also “the Spirit of Christ” (Romans 8:9).*

6. We see that “the Spirit” was active in the world before Jesus was born.
 - Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18, 20).

 - Jesus said, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working” (John 5:17).
 - No credit is given to a third divine being at work in the world.

7. “**The last Adam has been made a life-giving Spirit**” (1Cor 15:45).
 - The “last Adam” was Jesus. He has become a life-giving Spirit.
 - The Helper is Jesus - as Spirit.

8. **“He will testify of Me.”** *The presence of Jesus “in” the believers would give them evidence that He was indeed God’s Son. Jesus, on more than one occasion - spoke of Himself in third person (as “He”) when referring to His future glorified self. (Ref: Mat. 16:27, 25:31; Mk 8:38, 9:31; Lk 9:26, Lk 18:8; Jn 6:62.)*

John 16:13 “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

Jesus said repeatedly, “I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak” (John 12:49). “I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works” (John 14:10). Also, John 5:30.

Question: Why could a third co-equal divine being not speak on His “own authority”? According to Acts 1:7, the Father has put the times and seasons “under His own authority”. The Father has given all authority in Heaven and on earth to His Son (Matt. 28:18).

There is no mention that the Holy Spirit HAS any separate authority.

John 16:14 “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:15 “All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

1. *The Spirit of Truth would take of what was the Father’s, and would declare it. This is what Jesus did!*
2. *Whom did Jesus ask to “glorify Me” ? Answer: His Father (John 17:5).*

Acts 1:2 “until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.”

In this verse, the Holy Spirit is speaking through Jesus BEFORE He is “taken up” into Heaven. The Spirit speaking through Jesus IS the Spirit of God His Father - the same Spirit which indwelt in Him during His entire life on earth. How do I know this?

Jesus said, “The Father who dwells in Me, does the works” (John 14:10). “The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority” (John 14:10). “The Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak” (John 12:49).

Acts 1:5 “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

*Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit? Answer: Jesus (Acts 2:33).
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matt. 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16, John 1:33).*

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

Acts 1:16 “Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;”

The Holy Spirit who spoke through all the Old Testament prophets was “the Spirit of Christ who was in them” (1Peter 1:11), not a third divine being. “The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10).

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:17-18 [Peter quotes the prophet Joel] “And it shall come to pass in the last days’, says God, “That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.”

Acts 2:33 “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

*The Holy Spirit is the “gift” and Jesus is the giver - having received the gift Himself.
Baptism is “in the name of Jesus Christ”.*

Acts 5:3 “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?’”

Acts 5:9 “Then Peter said to her, ‘How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.’”

Acts 5:32 “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

*God “has given” the Holy Spirit to those who believe His Son, and obey His Son.
“God has sent forth the spirit of His Son” (Gal 4:6).*

*“The last Adam has been made a life-giving Spirit” (1Cor. 15:45).
The Holy Spirit “with us” and “in us” IS Jesus!*

Acts 6:3 “Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;”

Acts 6:5 “And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,”

Acts 6:10 “And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.”

Acts 8:14-17 “Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit” (NRS).

Acts 8:29 “Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’”

Acts 8:39 “Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.”

Acts 9:17 “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 9:31 “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”

Acts 10:19 “While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Behold, three men are seeking you.’”

Acts 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Jesus said His Father was "with" Him, and dwelt "in" Him (John 17:21, John 14:10).

The Holy Spirit is never said to anoint.

God anoints WITH His Spirit. The Father gives the Holy Spirit.

Christ baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44-45, 47 "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also." . . . "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Acts 11:12, 15-16 "Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. . . ."And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"

In the Book of Revelation, we read what the Spirit "says". Every time the Spirit speaks, we read the words of Christ (Rev. Cpts 2 and 3). Would not the same be true of what "the Spirit said" in the Book of Acts? The disciples understood that Christ was speaking to them.

Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit! (Matt. 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16). Jesus sends the Spirit (Lk 24:49, Acts 2:33). By this baptism He is with us and in us. He gives the credit to His Father, Who "gave" this gift of power to His Son.

The Father would glorify His Son, with the glory He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:5). Before the world was, Jesus was omnipotent and omnipresent. Jesus created this world and the entire universe! If Jesus recovered this glory, just think what power He would possess.

Acts 13:2 "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

*Who called them to this work? Was it not Christ?
The Spirit speaking IS Christ speaking!*

Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 15:8 "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them [believing Gentiles] the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us [believing Jews]"

Acts 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:"

Acts 16:6 "they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia."

Acts 16:7 "When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;" (NRS)

NOTE: KJ and NKJ say simply "the Spirit did not allow".

Acts 18:5 "When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ."

Acts 19:2, 5-6 "He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.' . . . 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." 19:6 "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

Acts 20:23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me."

Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

**** The Holy Spirit purchased the church with HIS own blood. This is Jesus Christ! The Spirit we experience with us and in us - IS Jesus! ****

The NET and NRS translate the verse as "with the blood of His own Son", or "with His own Son's blood".

Acts 21:4 "And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem."

Acts 21:11 "When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, 'Thus says the Holy Spirit, "So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

Acts 28:25 “So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: ‘The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,’”

According to Peter, the Spirit who spoke through the prophets was “the Spirit of Christ” (1Pet. 1:11).

Romans 2:29 “but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”

NOTE: This is “the circumcision of Christ”.

Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

The Father loves His Son. The Father loves us. We are to love the Father. Christ loves us, and we are to love Christ. Where is a verse that says, “the Holy Spirit loves us”, or “love the Holy Spirit”? There is no such verse.

A verse with a phrase such as “the love of the Spirit”, that verse does not prove the exact nature of that Spirit. The love could be that resulting from the infilling of “the Spirit of Christ”. John wrote, “If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1Jo 2:15). We can understand this verse to say the Father sends His love into us, through His Spirit, which is given to us through Christ.

If a verse can be understood in more than one way, by those holding different views, then it is NOT a PROOF TEXT.

Romans 7:6 “But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.”

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:4-5 “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

Romans 8:9 “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he is not His.”

The “Spirit of God” passing through Christ glorified, has become also “the Spirit of Christ”.

Romans 8:10 “And if **Christ is in you**, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).

Romans 8:11 “But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

“If any man love Me, my Father will love Him and We will come and make Our home with Him (Jn 14:23). “We” - the Father and the Son. Both Father and Son come into the believer.

Romans 8:13 “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Romans 8:15 “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’”

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

Romans 8:23 “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

*Romans 8:34 “Who is he who condemns? It is **Christ** who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us”*

Hebrews 7:25 “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

John 14:16 “No one comes to the Father but through Me”

Romans 8:27 “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

We must certainly agree. Paul wrote many things difficult to understand.

Question: Who makes intercession for the saints? Answer: Jesus (Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25).

Jesus is the only mediator between God and men (1Tim. 2:5).

God - Jesus - man

NOT

God (the Father) - Jesus - God (the Spirit) - man

Jesus said, “Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son” (Matt. 11:27).

Only Jesus would “know” the mind of the Father.

Jesus acts according to the will of God His Father.

He must “know” the Father, in order to “know” His will.

Conclusion: “the Spirit” here is that of God the Father. “God is Spirit” (John 4:24).

Jesus is the One who “searches the hearts”.

“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep.” (John 10:14).

The one who searches hearts (Jesus), knows the mind of the Spirit (His Father).

Romans 15:13 “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:16 “that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”

- 1. We are sanctified by faith - in Jesus Christ (Act 26:18).*
- 2. We are “sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:1).
No mention of the Spirit also.*
- 3. “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev 7:10)
The Father “sits” - “on His throne” (Rev. 3:21) and Christ now shares that throne.*

Romans 15:19 “in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

Romans 15:30 “Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

1 Corinthians 2:11 "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit [the mind] of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God [which is in Him]."

Question: Why would a third co-equal divine being (the Holy Spirit) need to "search" to know the deep things of God - if "He" is God. That doesn't make sense. Jesus Christ on the other hand, does seek to reveal the "deep things of God" to us - the things which no man has imagined - and the truth of what our Father in Heaven really feels towards us.

1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

*The Spirit who is from God, is Jesus!
"God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son" (Gal. 4:6).
Jesus said this Spirit of truth would take of what is God's and show those things to us.
He also said that everything of the Father's, also belongs to Him (John 16:14-15).*

1 Corinthians 2:13 "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

1 Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

*You were "washed" (baptized) - in the name of Jesus.
You were baptized with the Holy Spirit - by Jesus.
"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matt 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16, Jn 1:33).*

1 Corinthians 6:17 "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

The words “who is” were added to the text by translators who believed that God is a Trinity, and the Holy Spirit is the third divine person of God. The word translated as “whom” in the NKJ (Strong’s # 3739), can also be translated as “which” or “that” or “what”. We see in the New Revised Standard that “which” is used, instead of “Whom”.

1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?” (NRS)

The translators assumed that only a living divine being could occupy a Temple - images having been forbidden. We know from other passages that this divine being is God our Father - the One “who is above all and through all, and in all” (Ephesians 4:6). Jesus called the Temple of Jerusalem, “My Father’s House” (Jn 2:16). He did not call it - the Holy Spirit’s House.

The Spirit of the Father has now come as “the Spirit of Christ” also, and we experience fellowship with both the Father and His Son (2Jn 1:9, 1Jn 1:3). We abide in the Son and in the Father (2Jn 2:24).

*John 14:23 “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves **Me**, he will keep My word; **and My Father** will love him, and **We** will come to him and make **Our** home with him.’”*

1 Corinthians 12:1,3 “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-28 “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, . . . 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. . . . 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. . . . But God composed the body, 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Most believe the Holy Spirit is the third divine being or person. “He” distributes gifts of the Spirit “as He wills”. Why then are we to thank the Father for every gift? (Eph. 5:20).

God our Father is acknowledged as the Giver of every gift and blessing. The Holy Spirit is NEVER thanked.

Ephesians 5:20 “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Colossians 1:3 “We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Colossians 1:12 “giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you”

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

If the Father IS God and God is our Father, then the Holy Spirit is His Spirit, and He (God the Father) is the giver of every spiritual gift.

Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

If God the Father is “through all and in all” then He is omnipresent. There is no need for a third omnipresent divine being. Christ glorified is the critical conduit through whom the Father pours out His gifts. The Spirit of the Father comes to us AS the Spirit of His Son. Just as Christ came AS the true representation of His Father - in human form, so that humans could relate. “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father” (Jn 14:9). Not once, did Jesus say, “You have seen the Holy Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:8 “Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.’”

The One who ascended, is the One who “gave gifts”. They are gifts from God the Father, given to us - through Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:45 “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being’ The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.”

*Jesus our Savior, has become the Spirit with us and in us !
The importance of this verse is enormous!!!*

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (NIV)

2 Corinthians 3:6 (God) “who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

Jesus “has become a life-giving Spirit” (1Cor. 15:45).

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

1 Corinthians 8:6 “there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.”

Philippians 2:11 “every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

*Jesus is the “one Lord”. He is the Spirit - with us and in us.
“God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts” (Gal. 4:6).*

2 Corinthians 5:5 “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

Thirteen times, Paul sent greetings “from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”. Once Paul also prays for them “the communion of the Holy Spirit”. We commune with (abide in) the Father and His Son, by means of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:5 “Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?” (NRS)

Galatians 3:14 “that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

The outpouring and infilling of the Spirit was “the promise”. God the Father promised this gift to His Son, and Christ has promised this gift to those who believe.

Galatians 4:6 “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’”

Galatians 5:5 “For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

Galatians 5:16-17 “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

Galatians 5:18 “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

To be “under the law” means to be under its condemnation. “All have sinned” therefore all were condemned to death, until Jesus paid the death penalty for those who would believe in Him. The reason why the law could only condemn, is because we cannot keep it perfectly. The law is still a good standard for Christian behavior, but we must have the Spirit of Christ within our hearts, in order to meet that standard. Jesus did not come to do away with the law. He came to write His law on our hearts (Ezekiel 36:27, Jeremiah 31:33). This is the New Covenant promise.

Galatians 6:8 “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

Ephesians 1:13 “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

The Spirit was “the promise of the Father” - which the Father made to His Son.

The Spirit was also the promise of Christ.

“I will come to you” (Jn 14:18). “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20).

The Spirit is the New Covenant promise. “I will put My spirit within you” (Ezekiel 36:27).

“God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts” (Gal. 4:6).

Ephesians 2:18 “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

The goal is to “access” the Father, which makes sense if the Father is the One God. Jesus is the “one mediator between God and mankind” (1Tim 2:5).

“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us” (Rom 8:34).

“But He (Christ), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them (Heb 7:24).

Does Christ intercede in an attempt to change the Father's mind towards us? Answer: No! God is the same - yesterday, today, and forever. God has always loved us. God never changes! With whom then does Christ plead? Answer: With us! Jesus lives to reach us - for His Father - to win our love for Him. We are reconciled to the Father through His Son (2Cor. 5:8).

Ephesians 3:14-19 "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, . . . 18 may be able to comprehend . . . the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Do you see that the Spirit of God the Father comes to us as the Spirit of Christ also. God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into our hearts (Gal. 4:6). Both Father and Son come into us, and abide with us (Jn 14:23).

Think about it. The Son of God came representing His Father. When Jesus returned to Heaven, the Father poured His Spirit through His Son, so that His Son could then pour that Spirit upon us. It is a perfect partnership.

Yes. Our Father is "in heaven", but His Spirit is present everywhere. This being said, He does not enter the mind of a human being unbidden. He does not override the human will. He respects our boundaries. This is why the salvation process is a partnership. It requires both our will, and His will, to accomplish the transformation - to fit us for the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 4:4 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

If God the Father is "through all" and "in all" - then the one Spirit IS His spirit.

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

God does the sealing. He seals by means of His spirit, by which He [God] fills us and gives us new birth - "His Spirit in the inner man" (Eph 3:16).

Ephesians 6:18 “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

To pray “in the Spirit” is to pray under the influence of the Spirit within. The Spirit of Christ within cries out to God, “Abba, Father!” (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit of Christ in our hearts, inspires our prayers, because we do not know what to pray for (Rom. 8:26).

Philippians 1:19 “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,”

Philippians 3:3 “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”

1 Thessalonians 4:8 “Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.”

Jesus said, “The Father who dwells in Me, He does the works” (John 14:10). Jesus was victorious because the Spirit of God His Father worked through Him, and dwelt in Him. And at every decision point, He remained in submission to the will of His Father.

2 Timothy 1:14 “That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.”

Jesus said, “The Father who dwells in Me” (John 14:10). We have the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from death, dwelling in us (Rom. 8:11). The Father resurrected His Son (Gal. 1:1). The Holy Spirit who dwells in us, IS the Spirit of God our Father. The Spirit of the Father comes to us, through His Son, as the Spirit of His Son. We “hear” the words of Christ! Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice” (Jn 10:27).

COMPARE these parallel texts.

Matthew 10:20 “for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

Mark 13:11 “for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 12:12 “For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Hebrews 3:7-9 “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.”

The writer of Hebrews says the Holy Spirit spoke to Israel in the wilderness. Jesus said, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working” (John 5:7). Who was the Holy Spirit with Israel in the wilderness? Answer: The Son of God. Whose words and will did He convey to Moses? Answer: Those of God His Father. The Son of God is the only Mediator between God and mankind. This has been the case from the sin of Adam in the garden. Please see the study “[The Mediator](#)” here on ProphecyView.

Hebrews 9:14 “Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God,”

Jesus said, “The Father who dwells in Me, He does the works” (John 14:10).

Hebrews 10:15-16 “But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.”

When did the Holy Spirit say this “before”? Answer: Ezekiel 36:26 and Jeremiah 31:33 .

Who spoke through the Old Testament prophets? Answer: Christ.

“The Spirit of Christ who was in them” (1Peter 1:11).

This IS the New Covenant promise. “I will put my Spirit within you.”

And whose spirit, do we have within us - if we believe.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).

“God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts” (Gal. 4:6).

Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”

1 Peter 1:2 “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

1 Peter 1:10-11 “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”

1 Peter 1:12 “preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

Peter says Christ was resurrected by the Holy Spirit. Paul says Christ was resurrected by God the Father (Gal 1:1). Put these together. The Holy Spirit IS the omnipresent Spirit of God the Father! The Father is “above all and through all and in all” (Eph. 4:6).

2 Peter 1:21 “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

*They were moved by the Spirit OF Christ (1Pet 1:10-11).
Revelation 19:10 “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

1 John 3:23-24 “And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”

And whose Spirit has the Father given us? Answer: The Spirit of His Son.

“God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts” (Gal 4:6).

1 John 1:3 “and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

2 John 1:9 “He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”

No mention of a third divine being.

1 John 4:13 “By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”

1 John 5:6 “This is He who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.”

To bear witness or testify, is to give evidence concerning a matter in question. Jesus said the Scriptures “testify of Me” (Jn 5:39). The Scriptures are not a living being. They are evidence. The power of the Spirit’s presence testified of - gave evidence for - the truth that Jesus Christ was indeed the Son of God, that He had risen from the dead, and that He had sent the promise of His Father, just as He promised. The Father testified for His Son, by giving this Spirit. None of this makes the Spirit a third divine being.

1 John 5:7-8 “For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”

Most translations note that this verse was a later addition. It is not found in the oldest manuscripts. Scholars reject use of this verse for any proof concerning the Trinity.

Revelation 1:10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.”

John receives a “revelation” in his mind, while under the influence of the Spirit.

Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22 “hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

If you read “what the Spirit says”, you quickly realize that the speaker in every case, is Christ Jesus. “These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:” (Rev. 2:8). This is Christ! This was the case for John, and it is the case for us today. Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice” (John 10:27).

Revelation 19:10 “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

The Spirit of prophecy IS Jesus speaking.

THE INVISIBLE GOD

Christ “is the image of the invisible God” (Col. 1:15). Jesus said, “not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father” (Jn 6:46). He must have referred here, just to human beings because He also said, “their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven”, speaking of little children (Mat 18:10). God is Spirit (John 4:24), but He also appears in a form which can be “seen” by His created beings. He appears sitting on a throne - in Heaven. He holds a scroll in His right hand (Rev. 5:1,7). God the Father is invisible to physical human beings, living within this physical dimension, but He is seen by other created beings such as cherubim and seraphim.

Before He incarnated into human flesh, the Son of God also was Spirit. He existed in “the express image” - an exact copy of His Father (*Heb. 1:3*). The existence of the Father and the Son as Spirit beings, does not preclude their appearance in human like form. Before the incarnation, the Son of God appeared to Abraham, to Moses, to Joshua, Daniel and Ezekiel. Please see the study “[The Mediator](#)” here at Prophecy Viewpoint.

Angels also spirit beings. They are called “spirits sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation” (*Heb. 1:13-14*). Angels (both good and evil) appeared many times to individual human beings on the earth. Angels are not divine. They are created beings. They cannot create life. They are not omnipresent, omniscient, or omnipotent.

Finally, we ourselves will receive new spiritual bodies, so that we may appear in Heaven before the throne of God. Because “God is spirit” does not mean that He cannot appear to human beings. It means that He exists in the spirit dimension, which is presently separated from the physical dimension, so far as our five senses can experience. We are promised that one day we “shall see His face” (*Rev. 22:4*).

OMNIPRESENCE

The Holy Spirit is the Father’s spirit, just like my hand is Rachel’s hand. It is part of me. I control my own hand. I touch things and grasp things with my hand, just as God the Father touches things and fills things and moves things with His Spirit. If I were to touch your shoulder with my hand, you would say “Rachel touched me”. Any action I do with my hand, is my action. It is the same for God and His Spirit. His Spirit is an extension of Himself. He is omnipresent because His Spirit is everywhere.

CONCLUSION

My hope is that you students of the Word will find this compilation useful, as you search for truths concerning God and His Son. If you found this study, then you have seen the others on prophecyviewpoint.com, in this series on [The Trinity Question](#).

My belief is that God our Father has empowered His Son. Before the Son incarnated, He had divine powers, equal to those of His Father. When He incarnated, He “emptied himself” of those divine powers (*Phil. 2:7*). He took the form and the nature of a human being.

When Christ’s work on earth was finished, when He returned to Heaven, the Father restored divine power to His Son. He did this by uniting His own Spirit, with the mind of His Son. This partnership has enabled Christ to send His own Spirit to be with us, and in us. The “Spirit of God” has become also “the Spirit of Christ”.

*“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,
if indeed **the Spirit of God dwells in you.***

*Now if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**”*

(Romans 8:9)

*“If anyone loves **Me**, he will keep My word;*

*and **My Father** will love him,*

*and **We** will come to him and make **Our home with him.***

(John 14:23)

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