

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE THE INDEPENDENT WILL OF AN AUTONOMOUS BEING OR IS IT ONLY A DIFFERENT MANIFESTATION OF GOD AND JESUS? WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO REGARDED AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

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- “**God** also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and **gifts of the holy Ghost, according to His own will...**” {Hebrews 2:4}

If the holy Spirit were truly a divine Being, how could God share the Spirit’s gifts and the Spirit Itself according to His will?

Nowhere in the holy Bible or Spirit of Prophecy is the holy Spirit given the title of Lord or God, as the Father and the Son are, nor does He have a name as do the Father and the Son do.

- “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he not **speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**: and he will shew you things to come.” {John 16:13}

Of himself, means of his own will. Thus, He speaks not of his own will. He does not speak of his own will, because he has no independent will. Rather, he will speak what he hears from the Father and the Son because he proceeds from them. He must speak what he hears from the Father and Son and not from people or any other source, for he leads us to the truth! The following Spirit of Prophecy quote affirms that Jesus speaks as the holy Spirit. Here we can see that the holy Spirit is not an autonomous being.

- "I laid down my pen and was in a waiting attitude to see what the Spirit would say unto me. [...] a heavenly Watcher seemed close beside me. I felt that I was in the presence of Jesus. [...] **A line of action was laid out before me as if the unseen presence were speaking with me.**" {Ellen White: Manuscript 12c, 1896, p. 1}
- "Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His Father, and send the holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. **The holy Spirit is Himself, divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent.** "But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall (although unseen by you), [This phrase was added by Ellen White.] teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" [John 14:26]." {Ellen White: MR, Vol. 14, Nos. 1081-1135, p.23}
- "But they rebelled, and vexed **His holy Spirit**: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them. Then He remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is He that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? where is He that put **His holy Spirit** within Him?...As a beast goeth down into the valley, the **Spirit of the LORD** caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name." {Isaiah 63:10,11,14}

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