

# WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? IS IT A BEING OR IS IT THE SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATION OF GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS THE SON?

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- “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the **Spirit of Jesus Christ.**” {Philippians 1:19}
- “**Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power** to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon the church.” {Ellen White: Review & Herald, May 19, 1904, par. 3}
- “The **divine Spirit** that the world’s Redeemer promised to send **is the presence and power of God.**” {Ellen White: The Signs of the Times, November 23, 1891} {Ellen White: Ye Shall Receive Power, p. 39.5}
- “**Christ** declared that after His ascension, He would send to His church, as His crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take His place. This **Comforter is the holy Spirit,—the soul of His life,** the efficacy of His church, the light and life of the world. With His Spirit Christ sends a reconciling influence and a power that takes away sin.” {Ellen White: Review & Herald May 19, 1904, par. 1}
- “In **giving us His Spirit, God gives us Himself,** making Himself a fountain of divine influences, to give health and life to the world.” {Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 7, p 273.1}
- “**God is a Spirit; yet He is a personal Being;** for so He has revealed Himself...” {Ellen White: Ministry of Healing, p. 413.1}

- “The **impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.**” {Ellen White: Desire of Ages, p. 805.3}
- “The work of the holy Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from His source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God; and the **holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.**” {Ellen White: Review & Herald, November 29, 1892 par. 3}
- “The **influence of the holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul.**” {Ellen White: Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 332.5, 1896}
- “The **Lord** encourages all who seek Him with the whole heart. **He gives them His holy Spirit,** the manifestation of **His presence** and favor.” {Ellen White: Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, p. 230.3 1909}
- “The juices of the vine, ascending from the root, are diffused to the branches sustaining growth, and producing blossoms and fruit. So the **life-giving power of the holy Spirit, proceeding from Christ...**” {Ellen White: Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 3, p. 418.2, 1878}
- “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the **spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord (And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord - transliteration from the Latin Vulgate): and he shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:” {Isaiah 11:1-3}
- “Et egredietur virga de radice Jesse, et flos de radice ejus ascendet. Et requiescet super eum **spiritus Domini:** spiritus sapientiae et intellectus, spiritus consilii et fortitudinis, spiritus scientiae et pietatis; et replebit eum spiritus timoris Domini. Non secundum visionem oculorum judicabit, neque secundum auditum aurium arguet;” {Isaiae 11:1-3, Latin Vulgate}

We see in the above-quoted Isaiah 11:2 of the Latin Vulgate, there is a colon (:), a symbol separating two clauses in a sentence: “And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:...” The colon completely changes the meaning of the entire text! The presence of the colon means that what follows it is an explanation of just what that Spirit of the Lord is, which rested on our Saviour Jesus Christ! Unfortunately, neither the King James Version in English, nor the Daničić translation in Serbian, nor Luther’s German translation of Isaiah 11:2, contain the colon.

With such an understanding of Isaiah 11:2, we can see that it’s impossible for the holy Spirit to be some omnipresent being that rested on Jesus Christ! God Himself is a Spirit, and He manifests Himself throughout the Universe by His holy Spirit. The holy Spirit is the manifestation of His presence and power, even if this is hard to comprehend to our finite minds.

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