The Doctrine of the Holy Ghost

(Pneumatology)





What is Pneumatology?

A. It has its origins in the Greek word"Pneuma" which means spirit, wind or breath.

B. It is the study of the person and workof the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit (bothcome the same Greek word, pneuma).

Who is the Holy Ghost?



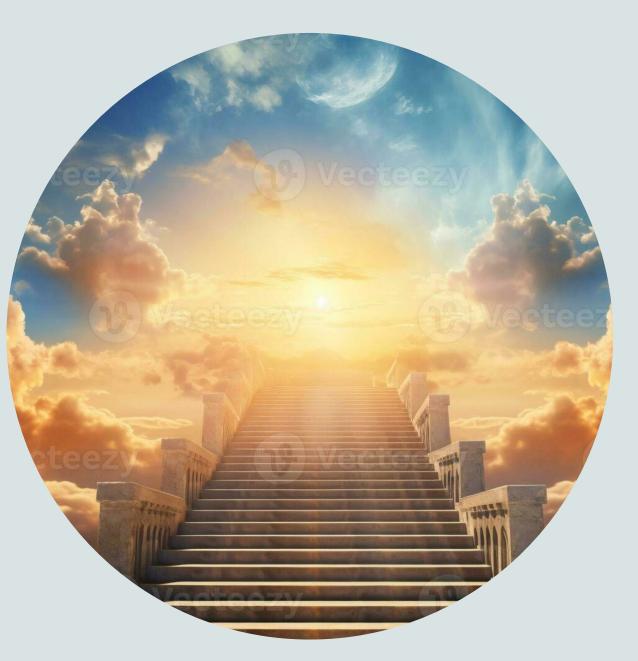




Who is the Holy Ghost ?

A. The third member of the Trinity or Godhead.

For there are three that bear record in heaven the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Ghost** these three are one (**1JOHN 5:7**).



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- · 3. He is omniscient
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- 1. He is called God (Acts 5:3-4, 1Corinthians 3:16)
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- ³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- ⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16
- ¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2. He is Omnipotent. (Romans 15:19, 1 Corinthians 12:11)

Omnipotent - having unlimited power; able to do anything.

- Romans 15:19
- ¹⁹ Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so
 that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the
 gospel of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 12:11
- ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

3. He is Omniscient. (1 Corinthians 2:11)

- Omniscient All-knowing, or to know everything.
- 1 Corinthians 2:11
- ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

4. He is Omnipresent. (Psalm 139:7-10)

Omnipresent - present everywhere at the same time.

- Psalm 139:7-10
- ⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

C. A person (as opposed to a mere influence, impersonal force or abstract entity)

1. Personal pronouns such as: he, himself, and him are used in reference to his personality (John 16:7-14).

John 16:7-10

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

⁸And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹Of sin, because they believe not on me;

¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

John 16:11-14

¹¹Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

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

¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

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2. He has characteristics of a person, including intelligence (John 14:26; 15:25), emotion (Isaiah 63:10, Ephesians 4:30), and a will (Acts 16:7, 1 Corinthians 12:11).

He has characteristics of a person (Intelligence)

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 15:25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

He has characteristics of a person (Emotion)

• Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

He has characteristics of a person (Will)

• ACT 16:7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

• 1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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3. He is mentioned with the other persons in the Godhead(Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter1:1-2; Jude 7, 21).

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Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.

• Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

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- 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
- 1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered
 throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- 1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

