



## Talk 1 - **The Prominence of the Holy Spirit**

A careful scan of the Bible reveals the positive reputation and motivating influence the Holy Spirit has within its pages.

For us to understand the Bible, we need to get acquainted with the **prominent** person of the Holy Spirit.

### **1. The Prominence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.**

- *The Old Testament mentions the Holy Spirit **88 times***
- ***23 books** in the Old Testament refer to the Holy Spirit*

### **2. The Prominence of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.**

- *The New Testament mentions the Holy Spirit **264 times***
- ***60 or more references** in the **gospels mentions the Holy Spirit***
- ***Acts** has **57 references** ("The Acts Of The Holy Spirit")*
- *The **epistles** refer to the Holy Spirit **132 times***
- *Only **3 epistles** make no mention of the Spirit (*Philemon, 2 & 3 John*)*

### **3. The Prominence of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ.**

- *His Involvement in the Birth of Jesus... *Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35**
- *His Presence at the Baptism of Jesus... *Luke 3:21-22**
- *His Presence during the Temptations in the Wilderness... *Luke 4:1; Matthew 3:1**
- *His Power during Jesus' Ministry... *Luke 4:16-21; 10:21; Matthew 12:28**

### **4. The Prominence of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's Life.**

- *His Involvement in our Becoming Christians... *John 3:5-8; 16:7-8; Titus 3:4-6**
- *His Presence in our Lives as Christians... *Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23, 25; Romans 8:5-6; 12-14; 26-27; Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:1**

## **Conclusion**

As our understanding of the Holy Spirit increases, so will our appreciation for Him. It is not essential to have a comprehensive knowledge of the Holy Spirit to become a Christian.

However, what is essential is that we respond to the terms of pardon revealed by the Holy Spirit in the gospel of Christ - *Acts 2:36-38*