



Talk 2 - **The Personality of the Holy Spirit**

A good starting place to consider **who** or **what** the Holy Spirit is, is to identify that the Holy Spirit has a personality.

1. The Holy Spirit's Works Reveals His Personality

- *The Holy Spirit speaks... 1 Timothy 4:1; Acts 8:29; 10:19-20; 13:1-4*
- *The Holy Spirit teaches... John 14:26*
- *The Holy Spirit bears witness... John 15:26-27*
- *The Holy Spirit leads, guides, hears, speaks, tells... Matthew 4:1; John 16:12-13*
- *The Holy Spirit forbids... Acts 16:6-7*
- *The Holy Spirit intercedes... Romans 8:26*
- *The Holy Spirit convicts... John 16:18*
- *The Holy Spirit counsels and comforts... John 14:16; 26; 15:26; 16:7-13*

2. The Holy Spirit Possesses Personal Characteristics

- *He has a mind... Romans 8:27*
- *He has knowledge... 1 Corinthians 2:11*
- *He possesses affection... Romans 15:30*
- *He has a will... 1 Corinthians 12:11*

3. The Holy Spirit Suffers

- *He can be grieved... Ephesians 4:30*
- *He can be blasphemed... Matthew 12:31-32*
- *He can be insulted... Hebrews 10:29*
(This is done by sinning wilfully - Hebrews 10:26)
- *He can be lied to... Acts 5:3*
- *He can be resisted... Acts 7:51*

Conclusion

It is clear then...

- *The Bible presents the Holy Spirit as a personal being*
- *We should regard the Holy Spirit as a "He", and not an "it"!*

Have you considered your personal relationship to the "personal" Holy Spirit?

- *How **He** feels for you?*
- *What **He** has done, and is doing, for you in God's scheme of redemption?*
- *How **He** reacts to your reception or rejection of the Word **He** has revealed?*