

# Deity of the Holy Spirit

## II Corinthians 13:14

- A. Trinity passages reveal the co-equality, co-eternity, and co-infinity of God the Holy Spirit with God the Son and God the Father, ([2 Cor. 13:14](#)) *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”* ([Acts 5:3-4](#); [Matt. 28:19](#); [Acts 2:38](#))
- B. The deity of the Holy Spirit is proven by the words used to describe Him.
  - 1. The Hebrew word *JHWH* is used of the Holy Spirit in [Isa. 6: 8-9](#) which is quoted in [Acts 28: 25-27](#) and in [Jer. 31:31-34](#) compared with [Heb. 10:15-17](#). The deity of the Holy Spirit is also found in the plural noun *ELOHIM*.
  - 2. In [Eph. 4:30](#), He is called *THEOS*. *“Furthermore, stop grieving the Holy Spirit, the God in whom you have been sealed until the day of redemption. “* God the Holy Spirit, in His signature guarantee, related the unique spiritual life of all human history to the eternal security of every Church Age believer, whether winner or loser, whether spiritual or carnal.
    - a. Sealing is the signature guarantee of eternal life for each believer in Christ. The Holy Spirit seals our name in the *Book of Life* forever.
    - b. God the Holy Spirit forgives all of our pre-salvation sins.
    - c. God the Holy Spirit imputes many irrevocable absolutes.
    - d. God the Holy Spirit fills us at the moment of salvation, but this is revocable by sin, and restored by the restoration technique of [1 John 1:9](#). (RTF) The filling of the Holy Spirit is the unique power of the spiritual life of the Church Age in [Acts 1:8](#) compared with [John 14:26](#).
    - e. It is no wonder that God the Holy Spirit is grieved when we fail to take advantage of the forgiveness of sins at salvation and at the point of rebound.
  - 3. In [2 Corinthians 3:17](#), He is called *KURIOS*, which connotes deity. *“Now the Lord is the Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”*

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- C. The deity of the Holy Spirit is proven by the mention of His divine attributes. These attributes can only be possessed by God. Therefore, it is concluded that the Holy Spirit is God.
1. Sovereignty, ([I Corinthians 12:11](#)) *“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually, just as He wills.”*
  2. Omniscience, ([I Corinthians 2:10-11](#))
  3. Omnipotence, ([Genesis 1:2](#))
  4. Omnipresence, ([Psalm 139:7](#))
  5. Truth ([I John 5:6](#))
  6. Life, ([Romans 8:2](#))
  7. Eternality, ([Hebrews 9:14](#)) *“who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”*
- D. Spiritual freedom is mentioned in many passages of scripture where the Holy Spirit is mentioned as God. Only God can provide equality in the human race.
1. The lordship of the Holy Spirit is taught in [II Corinthians 3:17](#), *“Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is [spiritual] freedom.”*
  2. Spiritual freedom is the filling of the Holy Spirit, [John 8:32](#); [Galatians 5:1](#), *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”* Only God can make us equal and He does so by providing spiritual freedom for all believers. No race, no culture, no gender, no economic status has any advantage when it comes to fulfilling the protocol plan of God. We are given the same assets to fulfill that plan; we have spiritual equality. We have spiritual freedom regardless of any historical climate.
- E. Titles of the Holy Spirit also prove He is God.
1. The Spirit of God, ([Genesis 1:2](#); [Matthew 3:16](#))
  2. The Spirit of the Lord, ([Luke 4:18](#))

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3. The Spirit of Jehovah, ([Judges 3:10](#))
  4. The Spirit of the Lord God, ([Isaiah 61:1](#))
  5. The Spirit of the living God, ([II Corinthians 3:3](#))
  6. My Spirit, ([Genesis 6:3](#))
  7. The Spirit of our God, ([I Corinthians 6:11](#))
  8. The Lord, the Spirit, ([II Corinthians 3:18](#))
  9. The eternal Spirit, ([Hebrews 9:14](#))
  10. The Spirit of glory, ([I Peter 4:14](#))
  11. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, ([Romans 8:2](#))
  12. He is called God in [Ephesians 4:30](#), *“Furthermore, stop grieving the Holy Spirit, the God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”*
- F. Historically, the deity of the Holy Spirit has been a cardinal Bible doctrine of the Christian faith for the beginning of the Church Age. The Arian controversy in the fourth century settled once and for all the orthodox doctrine on both the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit. Arius contended that the Holy Spirit was a created being; hence, he denied the deity of the Spirit. Since the fourth century, His true divine nature has never been denied by those who admit his essence and personality.
- G. The Christian is indwelt by the Spirit, that is, by God in [I Corinthians 3:16](#); [6:19](#); [Ephesians 2:22](#). In all three passages, we are said to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit who is also said to be God in the same verse.
- H. Lying to the Holy Spirit:
1. This is a great danger that comes to believers. It is the sin of implosion or self-fragmentation. This is analogous to the believer being a walking grenade. The pin of the grenade is pulled with any mental or verbal sin.
  2. [Acts 5:3](#) is the illustration.