

The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments

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Preface

What follows is the skeleton of a lecture given for the African Pastors' Conference held in the Eastern Cape, South Africa in 2013. Skeletons were once required for submission as part of yearly trials or examinations for the ministry. This skeleton focuses upon the theme of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments. The skeleton or outline has as its goal to *summarize*, *systematize*, and to *survey* the subject. Relevant Scripture references are included. This is not exhaustive but hopefully will help one conduct their own study on the subject. Each point and sub-point could form the basis for a study class or sermon. A select bibliography has been placed at the end of the skeleton for further study. Also, a separate section has been included as a reference to the great evangelical and Reformed Confessions/Catechisms and newer Statements of Faith.

Introduction: Summarize, Systematize, Survey (3 S's)

- 1) **The Person of the Spirit of God in the O.T., interpreted by the N.T. – “He is the Holy Spirit”**
- 2) **Spirit of God – *ruach, pneuma***
- 3) **The Work Of The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament:**

<p>#1. The Holy Spirit and Creation and Providence – Gen. 1:2, 5; Ps. 33:6; 104:30; Job 26:13; 33:4; Gen.2:7</p>
<p>#2. The Holy Spirit and Communication – 2 Sam. 23:2; Jer. 1:9; Isa. 59:21; 61:1-6; Num. 11:25; Neh. 9:20, 30; Mic. 3:8; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21, etc. (non-writing prophets and writing prophets)</p>
<p>#3. The Holy Spirit and Empowering for Service (including miracles) – Ex. 31:2-6; Num. 27:18; Deut. 34:9; Judg. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14, 15; 1 Sam. 16:12-13</p>

#4. The Holy Spirit and Equipping with Skill and Strength for Creative Achievement – Ex. 31:14; 35:30-35

#5. The Holy Spirit in the O.T. Epoch, *anticipating and predictive of the New Covenant* – Isa. 11:1-2; 42:1; 61:1-2; //Matt. 12:18; Luke 4:16-19; Num. 11:29; Joel 2:28; Jer. 31:31; Ezek. 33:25; // Acts 2; Heb. 8

#6. The Holy Spirit in the O.T. Epoch, as “quickener”, imparting spiritual life and vitality – Ps. 51:11; Isa. 63:7-19; Ezek. 36:25-27

4) The Work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament

#1. Fulfilment in Christ (see also #5 above) – Matt.1:18, 20; John 1:32-33; Luke 4:1-2; 4:14; 10:21; Heb. 9:14; Rom. 1:4; 6:4; 8:11; John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 1:4, 5

#2. Fulfilment in Pentecost – Acts 2:8-11; 10:46; 19:6; Eph. 2:18, 22; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4

#3. The Holy Spirit’s Work of Calling, Regenerating, and Converting – Eph.4:18; John 3; 16:8; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:9-11

#4. The Holy Spirit’s Indwelling in a Believer and Assurance of Sonship – 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Rom. 8:15, 16; Eph. 1:13; 3:14-19; 4:30; John 14:16-18; Rom. 15:13; 1 John 3:24; 2 Cor. 1:22

#5. The Holy Spirit’s Work of Scripture Inspiration – John 14:26; 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16

#6. The Holy Spirit’s Work of Illumination – 1 Cor. 2:12, 14-15; Ps. 119:18; Eph. 1:17-19

#7. The Holy Spirit’s Work of Guiding and Leading – 1 John 2:27; Eph. 1:17; Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:14

<p>#8. The Holy Spirit's Work in Progressive Sanctification – Rom. 1:4; 8:14; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 15:16; Gal. 5:16-18, 22-25; Phil. 2:12-13; Matt. 7:16-20; 1 Peter 1:2</p>
<p>#9. The Holy Spirit's Work of Empowering for Service – Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18; John 7:38-39; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49</p>
<p>#10. The Holy Spirit and Gifts – 1 Cor. 12:7-11, 28; 14:12; Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4: 11-12; 1 Peter 4:11</p>
<p>#11. The Holy Spirit and Witness and Warfare – John 20:21-22; Acts 1:8; 4:8, 31; 9:31; Eph. 6:18-20; Acts 8:29</p>
<p>#12. The Holy Spirit and Revival – Acts 2:37; 19:18-19; 1 Thess. 1: 6-9; Luke 11:13</p>
<p>#13. The Holy Spirit and Prayer – Rom. 8:26; Jude 20; Eph. 6:18</p>
<p>#14. The Holy Spirit and Filling – Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:19; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 3:14-19</p>

5) Other Matters for Consideration

- #1. The Holy Spirit and Worship (John 4:24)
- #2. The Unpardonable Sin and Blasphemy Against the Spirit (Mark 3:28-29)
- #3. The Holy Spirit and the Last Day
- #4. The Holy Spirit and Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- #5. To Study the Great Evangelical and Reformed Confessions and Newer Statements of Faith on the Subject

Reference Chart for the Holy Spirit in the great evangelical and Reformed Confessions/Catechisms and newer Statements of Faith.

This chronological list is not meant to be exhaustive but rather to serve as an introduction.

<i>French or Gallic Confession of Faith</i>	XXI, XXII
<i>Scots Confession of Faith</i>	XII
<i>Heidelberg Catechism</i>	Lord's Day 20, Q. 53 Lord's Day 1, Q. 1
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith / London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)</i>	#10
<i>Westminster Shorter Catechism</i>	Q. 31
<i>Westminster Larger Catechism</i>	Q. 67
<i>Confession of Faith of the Calvinistic Methodists, 1823</i>	#20, 21
<i>Charles' Welsh Catechism (Christian Instructor)</i>	Chapters 8 and 9
<i>World Reformed Fellowship Statement of Faith</i>	IV, 1-5; V, 10; VII, 1-4
<i>New City Catechism</i>	Q. 3, 36, 37

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