

But now we need to say more about the Holy Spirit's identity. We need to say that:

B. The Holy Spirit is divine

By this we mean that the Holy Spirit is God. By this we mean that He has divine characteristics, that He has the nature of deity.

Does the Bible teach this?

Hebrews 9:14 speaks of the eternal Spirit.

Psalm 139:7-12 teaches that the Holy Spirit is infinite in being, that He is present everywhere at the same moment.

Psalm 143:10 calls the Spirit good, i.e., essentially good.

John 14:17 speaks of Him as the Spirit of truth.

And in Acts 5:3-4 Peter says, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? . . . You have not lied to men, but to God."

Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit is a person, and that He is a divine person. The Holy Spirit is God.

But now we need to say one more thing about the Spirit's identity. We need to say that:

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A DISTINCT MEMBER OF THE TRINITY

The Bible does not use the word "trinity," but it does teach each of the distinct truths out of which the doctrine of the Trinity has been constructed.

The Bible simply teaches us that God is one, as in Deuteronomy 6:4 – "Hear, O Israel The Lord our God, the Lord is one" – and that there are three distinct Persons who are that one God.