

We have already seen that scripture teaches that He is a person. But does scripture teach that He has divine characteristics?

Hebrews 9:14 speaks of the "eternal" Spirit.
Psalm 139:7-12 teaches that the Spirit is infinite in being.
Psalm 143:10 calls the Spirit "good".
Psalm 51:11 calls Him "holy".
Jn. 14:17 calls Him "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."

Thus scripture teaches, and we acknowledge, that the Holy Spirit is a divine person. The Spirit of God is God.

Now, having stated that the Spirit of God is a person, and having said that the Spirit is a divine person, we need to focus our attention on one of the Spirit's attributes, as a background to our further study. This attribute or characteristic is that of the Spirit's omnipresence.

What do we mean by "omnipresence"? "Omni" means "all" or "every"; and thus omnipresent means all-present or everywhere-present.

The Spirit of God is divine, thus infinite in being. He is present everywhere at the same time.

Human spirits, angels, Satan, and demons are created thus finite in being. They are not present everywhere at one time, but only somewhere.

The Spirit of God occupies all space at the same moment. He does not need to move to get to a particular location in space; He already occupies all locations. He fills space with His presence.

Finite spirits occupy only one location in space at a time. If they want to be in a different location, they must move to that location. Their presence is localized in space.

This idea of omnipresence is admittedly difficult for us as human beings to grasp. And that is understandable, because we are finite spirits, confined to one location at a time, and we presently exist in finite physical bodies.

And since the only persons that we presently experience through our senses are human beings, we are not accustomed to thinking of an infinite Person who is immense, who fills all space, and who is present everywhere in the universe.

But do the scriptures actually teach this?

There are five key references in scripture which, when taken together, do indeed teach this marvelous truth of God's omnipresence (and thus the Spirit of God's omnipresence).

The first reference is found in Jeremiah 23:23-24 -- "Am I only a God nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide