

Understanding God & the Godhead

The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead or simply, God. God (the Godhead) is made up of three different beings or persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. There are 3 scriptures in the Bible that mention the Godhead:

A. Some false ideas or teachings about the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is just the evidence of God's presence, not a living Being
2. The Holy Spirit is just God's power acting in the world, not a living Being
3. The Holy Spirit is a living Being, but is not deity.

B. What is the Godhead? To understand the Holy Spirit, we must understand God and the Godhead

1. The Godhead is God.
2. The Godhead contains all that is God in all fullness or completeness.
3. The Godhead is one Deity (God) made up of 3 separate Beings

C. There are 3 distinct Beings inside God (the Godhead):

1. God the Father (1 Corinthians 1:3, 8:6)
The Father is the head of Christ (John 14:28, 1 Corinthians 11:3)
The Father directs the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26)
2. God the Son (Jesus Christ) (Matthew 3:16-17, John 1:1-14)
Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6)
Jesus and the Father are in each other (John 14:10-11)
Jesus and the Father are one (John 10:30)
3. God the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) (Matthew 3:16-17, Acts 5:3-4)
The Holy Spirit (the Helper) proceeds from God (John 15:26)
He is called the "Spirit of God."

D. The shared (combined) action and nature of the Godhead

1. All three (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) were present at creation:
 - a) The Father and the Holy Spirit - (Genesis 1:1-2)
 - b) The Son (the Word) – (John 1:1-3)
 - c) God refers to Himself in the plural – God said, "Let us..."
(Genesis 1:26-27, Colossians 1:16-17)
2. All three members of the Godhead were present when Jesus was baptized:
Jesus, the Spirit appearing as a dove descending, God's voice from heaven
(Matthew 3:16-17)
3. Jesus refers to the three members of the Godhead in the gospel:
(John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26)
4. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide together in each Christian (John 14:17, 23)
5. The Holy Spirit was sent by both God the Father (John 14:16, 26)
and by Jesus the Son (John 15:26, 16:7)
6. Jesus commands His disciples to baptize the names of all three: (Matthew 28:19)
7. Paul's closing words to the Corinthians invokes the names of all three:
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Godhead

(after Jimmy Tuten, *The Holy Spirit* & Ferrell Jenkins, *The Finger of God*)



