THE QUESTION

Did the early Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Yes. The early writers placed the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son in one Godhead, gave Him equal honor, and denied that He is a creature. They said He is of God's own substance, gives life and holiness, inspired the prophets and apostles, and is glorified with the Father and Son in worship.

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Apostles joined the Spirit with Father and Son

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says the apostles' teaching placed the Holy Spirit beside the Father and the Son in honor. He also points to baptism: it is not complete without naming the Spirit with the Father and the Son, which he takes as a sign of the Spirit's authority and dignity.

1 “Third, the apostles taught that the Holy Spirit was joined in honor and dignity with the Father and the Son.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 22, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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2 “From all these passages we learn that the person of the Holy Spirit has such authority and dignity that saving baptism is not complete except by the authority of the most excellent Trinity of them all, that is, by naming the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and by joining to God the Father, who is unbegotten, and to His only begotten Son, the name also of the Holy Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 21, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The Spirit is of God's substance, not created

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Gregory Thaumaturgus says the Spirit is God's Spirit by nature and substance, not by sharing in God the way creatures do. He condemns anyone who calls the Son or the Spirit a creature, and says the Spirit makes holy because He is of God's substance.

3 “In the same way, the Spirit is called the Spirit of God, and that by nature according to the very substance, not by a simple participation in God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 30, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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4 “Therefore, we acknowledge one true God, the one First Cause, and one Son, true God from true God, possessing the Father’s divinity by nature—that is, being the same in substance as the Father—and one Holy Spirit, who by nature and in truth sanctifies all and makes divine, since He is of the substance of God. We anathematize those who speak of either the Son or the Holy Spirit as a creature.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 27, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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One Divinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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Tertullian speaks of the Trinity as one Divinity that includes the Spirit. Dionysius of Rome warns against splitting God into three gods, and says the Spirit abides and dwells in God, so the Trinity is gathered into the one God of all.

5 “For the Church itself, properly and principally, is the Spirit Himself, in whom is the Trinity of the one Divinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Modesty* 21 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 8, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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6 “For it is necessary that the Divine Word be united with the God of all, and that the Holy Spirit abide and dwell in God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Rome,** *Against the Sabellians* 1 (c. 259–268 AD) **Source 37, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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One God means believing in all three

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Hippolytus counts the Holy Spirit as the third with the Father and the Son, and says the one God cannot be rightly thought of without believing in all three. Cyprian argues the same way: since the three are one, the Spirit cannot side with someone who opposes the Son or the Father.

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7 “And we cannot otherwise think of one God, except by truly believing in Father and Son and Holy Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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8 “If of the Holy Spirit, since the three are one, how can the Holy Spirit be at peace with one who is the enemy of either the Son or the Father?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 34, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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The church glorified the Spirit in worship

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The early liturgies give glory to the Spirit together with the Father and the Son. One calls the three the threefold light of the Godhead, and another says the Spirit is truly of one nature with God's divinity.

9 “Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the threefold light of the Godhead, which is unity existing in trinity, distinct yet indivisible.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 12, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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10 “And from the grace of the Holy Spirit, who truly is of one nature with Your glorious divinity, the ranks of true priestly ordination are granted.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 13, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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The living Breath who gives life and holiness

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory Thaumaturgus describes the Spirit as living and life-giving, not a mere breath like a man's but the living Breath that comes from God. For that reason he says the whole Trinity is to be adored and glorified.

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11 “He is not like an unsubstantial breath breathed into them by man, but is the living Breath proceeding from God. Therefore the Trinity is to be adored, glorified, honored, and reverenced.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 28, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The same Spirit spoke in prophets and apostles

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says the churches clearly taught that one and the same Spirit inspired the prophets and the apostles. Novatian agrees that the Spirit was not new in the Gospel, but had already spoken through the prophets.

12 “And it is most clearly taught throughout the churches that this Spirit inspired each of the saints, whether prophets or apostles, and that there was not one Spirit in the men of the old divine arrangement and another in those who were inspired at the coming of Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 22, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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13 “And He is not new in the Gospel, nor was He newly given. For it was He Himself who accused the people in the prophets, and in the apostles gave them the appeal to the Gentiles.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 33, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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Blasphemy against the Spirit shows His majesty

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen points to the Lord's warning about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. He takes the seriousness of that sin as a sign of how great the Spirit's majesty is.

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14 “Who, then, is not amazed at the exceeding majesty of the Holy Spirit, when he hears that he who speaks a word against the Son of man may hope for forgiveness, but that he who is guilty of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness, either in the present world or in the world to come?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 21, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- Origen says the apostles did not clearly state whether the Spirit is begotten or unbegotten, so these passages leave some questions about the Spirit's origin open.
- Most of these witnesses are from the third century and from liturgies; they do not use the later creed's exact wording about the Spirit.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 37 early Christian passages and 225 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–37, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 38–106, in Bible order), then 156 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *37 passages from 16 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · source 1*

1 *Shepherd* “power, therefore, comes from the Spirit of Divinity belongs to the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 2*

2 *Hortatory Address to the Greeks* (on point 7) “anyone carefully considers the gift that comes from God to holy people—which the sacred prophets call the Holy Ghost—they will find that Plato referred to this gift by… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

3 *Address to the Greeks* 13 (1885 English; on point 7) “the Spirit of God is not with all, but, taking up its abode with those who live justly, and intimately combining with the soul, by prophecies it announced hidden things… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Against Heresies: Book V* shaping it to be like His own Son. Through the Father's hands, meaning through the Son and the Holy Spirit, humans, not just a part of humans, were made… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 7) “Lord, You are God, who made heaven, earth, and the sea, and everything in them; who through the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David, Your servant, said… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 6*

6 *Stromata* 5.14 (on point 3) “the third is the Holy Spirit, and the… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 7–10*

7 *Against Marcion* 8 the Spirit's different gifts, also shows that there is only one Lord of the human body and of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, according to the apostle's argument… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *On Modesty* 21 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “the very Church itself is, properly and principally, the Spirit Himself, in whom is the Trinity of the One Divinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Praxeas* 2 (1885 English; on point 3) “sent also from heaven from the Father, according to His own promise, the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, the sanctifier of the faith of those who believe in the Father, and… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Against Praxeas* 30 (on point 3) “He has received from the Father the promised gift, and has shed it forth, even the Holy Spirit—the Third Name in the Godhead, and the Third Degree of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Caius, *c. 200–220 AD · source 11*

11 *Fragments* 1 (on point 7) “either they do not believe that the divine Scriptures were dictated by the Holy… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 12–16*

12 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 **Quote 9, page 4** “Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 4** “from the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is indeed of one nature with Your glorious divinity, are granted the degrees of the true priestly ordination… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) “holy Father: one holy Son: one Holy Ghost… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) “Father holy, one Son holy, one Spirit holy, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) “I am holy. O Word of God, past finding out, consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and sharer of their sovereignty, accept the pure song… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 **Quote 7, page 4** “the Father indeed is One, but there are two Persons, because there is also the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (1885 English; on point 8) “he who blasphemes against the Holy Ghost is cast out from the holy inheritance… [continues online] **read ›**

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Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 19–25*

19 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (on point 3) operations. Moreover, nothing in the Trinity can be called greater or less, since the fountain of divinity alone contains all things by His word and reason, and by the Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Commentary on John* 2 superior to the Savior. Rather, the Savior takes a lower place than He in order to carry out the divine arrangement that the Son of God should become man. If… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 **Quotes 2, 14, pages 2, 6** "we are taught what the Holy Spirit is in many passages of Scripture. For example, David says in the fifty-first Psalm, "And take not Your Holy Spirit from me… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 12, pages 2, 5** "Thirdly, the apostles related that the Holy Spirit was associated in honour and dignity with the Father and the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (on point 1) the Holy Spirit when he declares, "God has revealed them to us by His Holy Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God;" and again… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 3 (1885 English; on point 7) "the existence of the Holy Spirit no one indeed could entertain any suspicion, save those who were familiar with the law and the prophets, or those who profess a belief… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 4 (1885 English; on point 6) "it is one and the same thing to have a share in the Holy Spirit, which is (the Spirit) of the Father and the Son, since the nature of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 26*

26 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) "Holy Spirit therefore, apportioned among the evangelists, makes up the full account of our Saviour's whole disposition by the expressions of these several narrators together… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 27–32*

27 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** "one Holy Spirit, who by nature and in truth sanctifies… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** "there is also the perfect Holy Spirit supplied of God through the Son to the sons of adoption, living and life-giving, holy and imparting holiness to those who partake… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 3) same substance as the Father, and that the substance of the Trinity is one. That is, there is one divinity by nature. The Father remains unbegotten. The Son is begotten… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 3, page 2** "if they say, "How can there be three persons, and yet only one Divinity?" we will give this reply: There are indeed three persons, since there is one person of… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 3) persons—namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are declared to possess the one Godhead. For the one divinity, showing itself according to nature in the Trinity, establishes the oneness of… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (on point 3) "you see that the Spirit is inseparable from the divinity… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 33*

33 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 **Quote 13, page 5** "also believe, and therefore speak." He is therefore one and the same Spirit who was in the prophets and apostles, except that in the former He was occasional, in the… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 34*

34 *Epistles* **Quote 8, page 4** "of the Holy Spirit, since the three are one, how can the Holy Spirit be at peace with… [continues online] **read ›**

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Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 35*

35 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) “into the death of Jesus. The water stands in place of the burial, and the oil in place of the Holy Spirit. The seal stands in place of the cross… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Rome, *c. 259–268 AD · sources 36–37*

36 *Against the Sabellians* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “That admirable and divine unity, therefore, must neither be separated into three divinities, nor must the dignity and eminent greatness of the Lord be diminished by having applied to it… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Against the Sabellians* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “the doctrine of the foolish Marcion, which cuts and divides the monarchy into three elements, is assuredly of the devil, and is not of Christ's true disciples, or of… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *69 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

38 **Genesis 1:2** But the earth was invisible and unformed, and darkness was over the abyss, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. **read ›**

39 **Leviticus 21:22** He may eat the gifts of God, the most holy things, and of the holy things; **read ›**

40 **2 Samuel 23:2** The Spirit of the Lord spoke in me, and his word was on my tongue. **read ›**

41 **Isaiah 1:16** Wash yourselves; become clean; remove the evils from your souls before my eyes; cease from your evils; **read ›**

42 **Isaiah 2:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

43 **Isaiah 11:2** and the Spirit of God will rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and godliness will fill him, **read ›**

44 **Jeremiah 28:7** Nevertheless hear the word of the Lord that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people. (Septuagint Jeremiah 35:7 (Jeremiah 28:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Ezekiel 33:4** and the one who hears does hear the sound of the trumpet, yet does not take warning, and the sword comes and overtakes him—his blood shall be on his own head. **read ›**

46 **Ezekiel 40:19** And he measured the breadth of the court, from the open court of the outer gate on the inside to the open court of the gate facing outward, a hundred cubits, of the gate facing east. And he brought me to the north, **read ›**

47 **Amos 1:5** And I will break the bars of Damascus, and utterly destroy the inhabitants from the plain of On, and cut off a tribe from the men of Haran; and the select people of Syria shall be taken captive, says the Lord. **read ›**

48 **Amos 1:6** Thus says the Lord: For three ungodly deeds of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away from them, because they took captive the captivity of Solomon, to shut them up in Idumea. **read ›**

49 **Amos 1:7** And I will send forth a fire upon the walls of Gaza, and it shall devour its foundations. **read ›**

50 **Amos 8:3** And the paneled ceilings of the temple shall wail in that day,” says the Lord God. “Many shall be the fallen in every place; I will cast silence upon them.” **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:5** For the holy Spirit of discipline will flee from deceit, and will withdraw from foolish thoughts, and will be rebuked when unrighteousness comes in. **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:6** For wisdom is a spirit that loves mankind, and she will not hold a blasphemer innocent for what his lips say; for God is witness of his kidneys, and a true overseer of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:7** For the Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together has knowledge of every word spoken. **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:22** for wisdom, the craftsman of all things, taught me. For in her is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, of many parts, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, unhindered, beneficent, **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:25** For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure outflowing of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. **read ›**

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57 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:26** For she is a radiance of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:27** Though she is one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:3** She glorifies her noble birth by living with God, and the Master of all loved her. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:17** Who has known your counsel, unless you gave wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:1** For your incorruptible Spirit is in all things. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:6** If the great Lord wills, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of his wisdom, and in prayer he will give thanks to the Lord. **read ›**

63 **Baruch 3:35** This is our God; no other will be reckoned in comparison with him. **read ›**

64 **2 Maccabees 14:36** So now, O holy Lord of all holiness, keep undefiled forever this house that has so recently been purified." **read ›**

65 **4 Maccabees 1:16** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

66 **4 Maccabees 2:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

67 **1 Enoch 39:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Enoch 40:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

69 **1 Enoch 46:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **1 Enoch 49:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **1 Enoch 59:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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73 **1 Enoch 60:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 60:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 60:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 61:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 71:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 71:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **Matthew 3:16** Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him. **read ›**

80 **Luke 1:35** The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one to be born shall be called the Son of God. **read ›**

81 **Luke 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased." **read ›**

82 **John 3:34** For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God gives the Spirit without measure. **read ›**

83 **John 7:39** But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **read ›**

84 **John 14:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you and shall be in you. **read ›**

85 **John 14:26** But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you. **read ›**

86 **John 15:26** When the Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me. **read ›**

87 **John 20:22** When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit! **read ›**

88 **Acts 2:3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared to them, and one rested on each of them. **read ›**

89 **Acts 2:33** Being therefore exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you now see and hear. **read ›**

90 **Acts 6:3** Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this work. **read ›**

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91 **Acts 8:13** Simon himself also believed, and after being baptized he stayed with Philip. Seeing miracles and signs taking place, he was amazed. **read ›**

92 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

93 **Acts 19:2** He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They said to him, “We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” **read ›**

94 **1 Corinthians 2:10** But God has revealed them to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **read ›**

95 **1 Corinthians 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. **read ›**

96 **1 Corinthians 12:3** Therefore I make known to you that no man speaking by God’s Spirit says, “Jesus is accursed.” No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” but by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

97 **1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **read ›**

98 **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. **read ›**

99 **Ephesians 4:6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in us all. **read ›**

100 **Colossians 2:9** For in him all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, **read ›**

101 **1 Timothy 3:16** And by common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. **read ›**

102 **1 John 4:2** By this the Spirit of God is known: every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, **read ›**

103 **1 John 4:3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world. **read ›**

104 **1 John 4:13** By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **read ›**

105 **1 John 5:7** For there are three who testify: **read ›**

106 **1 John 5:8** the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three agree as one. **read ›**

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