

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **The Words Used For The Holy Spirit in The Bible**

In the O.T. the Hebrew word RUAKH appears 380 times and the identical Aramaic word occurs 9 times in the Book of Daniel.

- Daniel 2:4b thru 7:28 was written in Aramaic.

RUAKH in the Old Testament

- Refers to the Holy Spirit 79 times – Gen. 1:2, Num. 11:23-26, Ps. 51:11
- Refers to the human spirit – Ezra 1:1 & 5, Ps. 31:5, 32:2, Dan. 2:1
  - Describes an attitude – Proverbs 16:18-19
- Often translated wind – Gen. 8:1, Ex. 10:13 & 19, Ps. 1:4
- Translated breath – Gen. 6:17, Job 9:18, 12:10

In the Greek N.T. “pneuma” occurs 379 times, of which over 245 refer to the Holy Spirit.

- Pneuma referring to the Holy Spirit – Mat. 1:18, 3:11, 16, 4:1, Rev. 22:17
- Used for demonic spirits – Mat. 8:16, Mark 1:23-27, 3:11, 9:17
- Also used for the elect angels – Heb. 1:13-14
- Used for the human spirit – Mat. 5:3, 26:41, Luke 8:54-55, Rom. 1:9, James 2:26, 1John 4:1-3

### **The Reality of The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is a person as opposed to a “force” or “concept.” The Holy Spirit is described in scripture as possessing the 3 basic characteristics of personhood, which are: intellect, will, and emotion.

Intellect:

- The Holy Spirit counsels, imparts wisdom, understanding and knowledge – Isaiah 11:2
- The Holy Spirit possesses a mind – Rom. 8:27
- He inspired Scripture – Acts 1:16, 2Peter 1:21
- The Holy Spirit teaches – Luke 12:12, 1Cor. 2:13

The Holy Spirit exercises His will:

- He contends with sinners – Gen. 6:3, Acts 7:51
- He directs the affairs of men – Acts 8:39-40, 16:6-10
- The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts – 1Cor. 12:11, Heb. 2:4
- The Holy Spirit regenerates – John 3:5-8, Titus 3:5

The Holy Spirit has emotion:

- The Holy Spirit is grieved by sin – Eph. 4:30, Isaiah 63:10
- He can be insulted – Heb. 10:29
- He loves – Rom. 5:5, 15:30

### **One Additional Point**

The Holy Spirit is referred to with personal pronouns.

- Example: John 16:7-15