

The Holy Spirit is a Person 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:30;

There are religions that teach the Holy Spirit is a force or a power and not a person.

As born again believers we believe, teach and understand that He is a person. We cannot have an ultimate and intimate friendship with a force or power.

A tree is a living organism but lacks personality; therefore a relationship with one is impossible. A simple definition of a person is: **a person has personality**. Let me present that 'The Holy Spirit' is more a description than a name. God is three in one; God 'the Father', God 'the Son' and God 'the Holy Spirit'. What is the name of the Holy Spirit? God! The second thing is **a person has soul**. God has a soul- Matt. 12:18; Matt. 26:38; Heb. 10:38. If we can conclude from these scriptures that God has a soul, what is the definition of a soul, what does a soul include? A soul includes a mind, a will and feelings. Does the bible speak of the mind of thoughts of God? Can we recall scripture that refers to the will of God? Does God have feelings? Have you heard of the omni's? Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient. These are wrapped up in the mind, will and emotions. God has never had an aha moment. There is nothing He has never known. We do that because we are not omni. When we really sense His presence we often say, "I felt the presence of the Lord." To describe His presence we go to our emotions. As Pentecostals we have been accused of being too emotional. God has emotions.

Mind- Phil. 2:5; Is. 55:8-9; John 16:13. If we say that God has a mind then we need to see from John 16:13 that it is the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the things of God.

Will- 1 Thess. 5:18 God has a will. Acts 16:6 reveals the will of the Holy Spirit. To forbid means to exert ones will. The Holy Spirit was exercising His will in the spirit of man. The caution we sometimes experience in a situation is the Holy Spirit exerting His will. We can ignore His prompting or listen to it. Who can't use just a little more help from the Holy Spirit in our everyday life? His voice, His mind, His will is available to the believer today. There is a general will of God and there is a specific will. The number one desire of godly people is to know the will of God for their lives. How can we know the general will? It is revealed through the written word- the Bible. If we don't read it we will never know His will for our lives. the specific will of God is found in His voice and we will not get the voice of God apart from the word of God. The word is available in so many formats that there is no excuse for not getting into it. We can't ride on the coat tails of someone else. The Holy Spirit reminds us of the things we have learned, if we've learned it. The Holy Spirit works in conjunction with the Jesus who is the Word of God. Joel 2:28 is old Testament. Acts 2:17 where the church begins quotes the same text. You cannot have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit through someone else. There is no need for a middleman because as a born again believer, the Spirit of God is in us. The way to know God and His will for you is to know Him intimately.

Emotions- Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:23 we are all farmers looking for a harvest. The Holy Spirit enables us to have a harvest of His fruit in our lives. We need to stop 'dis'ing Him and allow Him into our lives, relationships and above all into His church. We must not hurt the feelings of the Holy Spirit. How can we grieve Him if He has not feelings? How do we grieve Him? Sin grieves Him. Until we get things straight between us as brothers and sisters we won't hear His voice because we are grieving Him and causing Him to draw back. Do we not draw back

from people when they hurt our feelings? Don't give place to the devil, do away with bitterness and every other poison. Rather give place to the Holy Spirit and start bringing in that harvest.