

## INTRODUCING THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Selected Scriptures

The Bible teaches that there is one God existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections, and worthy of the same worship, confidence, and obedience. Over the centuries, the Christian church has come to encapsulate this mind-bending, creature-humbling truth in a single word: *trinity*. Now, most Christians today eagerly worship God the Father and long to *know* and *serve* God the Son. But, relatively speaking, many are confused by God the Spirit. When it comes to the Spirit of God there's often much we *don't* know, things we wrongly *think* we know, and lots we'd still *like* to know. And, just as in our relationships with one another, the more ignorance that remains between us and our God, the more barriers to intimacy *with* our God. So, let's get reacquainted with the third person of the trinity, the Holy Spirit, God *in* us.

### The Holy Spirit as a PERSON

Matt 12:31–32; John 14:16  
Acts 8:29, 13:2; 15:28; Rom 8:14–16, 26  
1 Cor 2:10–11; 12:4–11; Eph 4:30

### The Holy Spirit in the PAST

#### His *enlivening* work

Gen 1:2; 6:3; Job 33:4; Psa 104:30

#### His *empowering* work

Exo 31:3–5; Num 11:17–25  
1 Sam 16:13–14; 2 Sam 23:2  
1 Chr 12:16–18; Neh 9:30  
Isa 63:11–12; Pss 51:11; 143:10