

The Holy Ghost

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What is the Holy Ghost?

The Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit and the third member of the Godhead.

Bruce R. McConkie stated:

“[The Holy Ghost] is the Comforter, Testator, Revelator, Sanctifier, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit of Promise, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of the Lord, and Messenger of the Father and the Son, and his companionship is the greatest gift that mortal man can enjoy.”

What does he mean by the “Spirit of Truth?”

To me, that means the Holy Ghost communicates to our soul that what we are learning about the gospel is true. He helps us discern light from dark. The book of Ether gives good insight for us to know if something is true by the Holy Ghost.

11 - “But he that believeth these things which I have spoken, him will I visit with the manifestations of my Spirit, and he shall know and bear record. For because of my

Spirit he shall know that these things are true; for it persuadeth men to do good.”

In John 14:26, it says that the Holy Ghost will “teach [us] all things, and bring all things to [our] remembrance.” Now usually when I’m in a learning environment, I’m calm and at peace. The Holy Ghost will also help us to have a clear open mind as we study various aspects of the gospel. God also reveals his truth unto us through the Holy Ghost:

9 - "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

10 - "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

11 - "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

12 - "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." [1 Corinthians 2:9-12]

2 - "Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart."

3 - "Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation; behold, this is the spirit by which

Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground.” [D&C 8:2]

And as we learn from Doctrine and Covenants section 50:

Things of the Spirit must be understood by the power of the Spirit all other means of understanding are unacceptable to God.