



Depiction of the Christian Holy Spirit as a dove, by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, in the apse of Saint Peter's Basilica

It is often said that the holy Spirit is “the third person of the Trinity”, the three-in-one Godhead. Can it be, however, that there can be a part of the holy Spirit, only “a portion” of the holy Spirit? Yes, this is exactly what the scriptures themselves indicate, as we will see from the following scriptures:

“The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking *some of the spirit* that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied but did not continue”—Numbers 11:25 NAB

“And it shall be after these things, I will *pour out of my spirit* on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy”—Joel 2:28 NETS

“Did he not make them one, with a *portion of the Spirit* in their union?”—Malachi 2:15 ESV

“For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He *does not ration his gift of the Spirit*”—John 3:34 NAB

“‘It will come to pass in the last days’, God says, ‘that I will *pour out a portion of my spirit* upon all flesh’”—Acts 2:17 NAB

“The blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and *the participation in the*

***holy Spirit be with you all*—2 Corinthians 13:14 AAT**

“Renewal in the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our Saviour”—Titus 3:6 NJB

“He has given us a share in his Spirit”—1 John 4:13 NJB

The phraseology, “some of the spirit”, “a portion of”, “pour out of”, “his gift of”, “participation in”, “a share in”, all combine to indicate that the holy Spirit is not a person. Of course, it is true that the apostle Paul twice referred to himself figuratively as “being poured out like a drink offering” ([Philippians 2:17 NIV](#); [2 Timothy 4:6 NIV](#)), and the holy Spirit is, at times, personified in the Bible. However, the fact remains that the holy Spirit, is frequently referred to in terms which indicate it is not a person.

Yes, the scriptures prove that there is a part, or portion of, the holy Spirit which we can receive, indicating the holy Spirit is not a person.