

HOLY SPIRIT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Asterisk (*) denotes works that are highly recommended for the general reader.

*Allison, Gregg R., and Andreas J. Kostenberger. *The Holy Spirit*. Theology for the People of God Series. B&H Academic, 2020.

A recent and thorough overview of the Holy Spirit in the Bible, section by section, that is followed by a systematic theology of the Holy Spirit, topic by topic, that interacts with current thinking about God's Holy Spirit. Allison is Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Kostenberger is Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bruner, Frederick Dale. *A Theology of the Holy Spirit: The Pentecostal Experience and the New Testament Witness*. Eerdmans, 1970.

A classic work on the Holy Spirit that critiques the modern, twentieth-century Pentecostal experience through the lens of a Reformed, Protestant understanding of scripture. Bruner is a Presbyterian theologian who taught at Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines when he wrote this work.

*Green, Michael. *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*. Eerdmans, 1975.

An excellent topical study of the Holy Spirit written from the perspective of an Anglican priest and Christian apologist. Green wrote more than fifty books during his lifetime and served as Professor of Evangelism at Regent College in Vancouver from 1987 to 1992.

Guthrie, Steven R. *Creator Spirit: The Holy Spirit and the Art of Becoming Human*. Baker Academic, 2011.

Guthrie explores the work of the Holy Spirit in the aesthetic aspects of human existence with emphasis on anthropological formation and recreation. Guthrie is Associate Professor of Theology at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Hull, J. H. E. *The Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles*. World Publishing Company, 1967.

An older but useful overview of Luke's treatment of the Holy Spirit in Acts of Apostles. Hull was a minister of the Congregational Church who held several pastorates in England.

Karkkainen, Veli-Matti. *Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Ecumenical, International, and Contextual Perspective*. Baker Academic, 2002.

Treats biblical perspectives on the Holy Spirit, the historical unfolding of the experience of the Holy Spirit, various ecclesiastical perspectives on the Spirit (e.g., Eastern Orthodoxy,

Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, and the Ecumenical movement), and the thinking of leading contemporary theologians on the Spirit (e.g., John Zizioulas, Karl Rahner, Wolfhart Pannenberg, Jurgen Moltmann, Michael Welker, and Clark Pinnock. The book concludes with an overview of contextual pneumatologies. Karkkainen is Professor of Systematic Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

*Keener, Craig S. *The Spirit in the Gospels and Acts: Divine Purity and Power*. Baker Academic, 1997.

Keener draws out the meaning of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament texts using as his themes the ideas of divine purity and power—the Spirit of purity and prophecy in early Judaism, Jesus as the Spirit-Bringer in Mark 1.9-11, Matthew’s perspective on the Spirit-Bringer, the Spirit and purification in the Fourth Gospel, and the role of the Spirit in Pentecost, prophecy, and proclamation to all peoples in Acts. Keener is Ada Thompson Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminar in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Leen, Edward. *The Holy Ghost and His Work in Souls*. Sheed & Ward, 1939.

Engages with the biblical text and the devotional tradition of the Christian Church to uncover key aspects of both the Person and the Work of God’s Holy Spirit. Of Roman Catholic Irish descent, Leen was a missionary and academic priest who was schooled by and affiliated with the Holy Ghost Fathers, a Roman Catholic society of men founded in 1703 at Paris.

Levering, Matthew. *Engaging the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: Love and Gift in the Trinity and the Church*. Baker Academic, 2016.

A challenging read that “offers a historical examination of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, defending an Augustinian model against various contemporary theological views” (from book’s dust jacket). Levering has authored or co-authored over twenty books and is James N. Jr. and Mary D. Perry Chair of Theology at the Mundelein Seminary, University of Saint Mary on the Lake, in Illinois.

*Levison, Jack. *A Boundless God: The Spirit according to the Old Testament*. Baker Academic, 2020.

A thematic look at Old Testament references to *ruah* (“breath, wind, spirit”)—spirit blowing and breathing, spirit coming upon, spirit resting upon, spirit passed on, spirit poured out, spirit filling, spirit cleansing, spirit standing and guiding. Levison shows how the work of God’s Spirit is pervasive, more than personal (i.e., public and community oriented), and lavish (i.e., always renewing or recreating). His conclusion describes the energy of *ruah* as beyond definition, beyond gender, beyond salvation, beyond death, beyond wisdom, beyond sacred walls, beyond spirituality, and beyond scarcity. Levison is W. J. A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas.

McDonnell, Kilian. *The Other Hand of God: The Holy Spirit as the Universal Touch and Goal*. Liturgical Press, 2003.

Like the book of Levering above, a work that seeks to locate the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the traditions of the Church Fathers as well as those of the biblical text. He also includes a chapter on the experience of the Spirit in Medieval Monasticism. McDonnell, a professional theologian and university professor, is a monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota.

*Marsh, F. E. *Emblems of the Holy Spirit*. Reprint. Kregel, 1957.

An older but wonderful look at the various biblical images for God's Holy Spirit, such as dove, seal, anointing, fire, rain, wind, dew, clothing, earnest, etc. Marsh, an author of numerous books devoted to biblical topics and a well-known conference speaker, served as minister of the Bethesda Free Church in Sunderland, U.K. from 1887 to 1907.

Montague, George T. *Holy Spirit: Growth of A Biblical Tradition*. Hendrickson, 1976.

An exposition of the major biblical texts that deal with the Holy Spirit, from Genesis to Revelation, but in chronological rather than canonical order to draw out the development of the understanding of the Spirit over time. Montague is a Marianist priest who has written twenty works on spirituality and theology and until his retirement was Professor of Theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Ramm, Bernard. *The Witness of the Spirit: An Essay on the Contemporary Relevance of the Internal Witness of the Holy Spirit*. Eerdmans, 1959.

A brief but important statement, from the Reformed Protestant perspective, of the inner testimony of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the church. Ramm was a Baptist scholar and Christian apologist who held various positions during his lengthy academic career.

Rees, Tom. *The Spirit of Life*. Moody Press, n.d.

A book of practical lessons from the Bible, geared toward devotional reading, that deal with a variety of topics about the Holy Spirit. Rees was an Anglican evangelist who, after World War II, conducted over fifty mass rallies at Royal Albert Hall in London as well as campaigns in major British cities. He also traveled often to the United States for campaigns, church retreats, and Bible conferences.

*Shults, F. LeRon, and Andrea Hollingsworth. *The Holy Spirit*. Guides to Theology Series. Eerdmans, 2008.

A concise introduction to Christian thought about God's Holy Spirit through patristic, medieval, and Reformation interpretations to early and late modern interpretations. The book focuses on major theologians with an excellent annotated bibliography at its conclusion. Shults

is Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway. Hollingsworth is a scholar of spirituality and psychology who is trained as an equine-assisted psychotherapist and independently conducts workshops, provides counseling, and offers online courses.

Stott, John R. W. *Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today*. Second Edition. InterVarsity, 1975.

A very readable introduction, written in nontechnical language, to the biblical instructions concerning baptism in the Holy Spirit and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Stott was a notable Anglican cleric and theologian who authored over fifty books and was a leader in the worldwide evangelical movement.

Swete, Henry Barclay. *The Holy Spirit in the Ancient Church: A Study of Christian Teaching in the Age of the Fathers*. Reprint. Baker, 1966.

A classic but dated overview of the church's teaching about the Holy Spirit from about AD 100 (i.e., the sub-apostolic writers) to AD 600 (i.e., Gregory the Great). The book concludes with a section on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the ancient church. Swete was an English biblical scholar who became the Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University in 1890.

Swete, Henry Barclay. *The Holy Spirit in the New Testament*. Reprint. Baker, 1964.

A summary of the teaching of the New Testament, using a canonical approach (i.e., from the Gospels through Revelation), about God's Holy Spirit. The book concludes with a topical overview on the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Spirit in the church, the Spirit and the ministry, the Spirit and the written word, the Spirit and the personal life, the Spirit and the life to come.

*Thiselton, Anthony C. *A Shorter Guide to the Holy Spirit: Bible, Doctrine, Experience*. Eerdmans, 2016.

An abbreviated version of a much longer work on the Holy Spirit by Thiselton that concisely deals with the Spirit in the biblical writings, doctrinal themes, and experience, global origins, and current issues among Pentecostals. Thiselton, an author of numerous works on the Bible and theology, is an Anglican priest and Emeritus Professor of Christian Theology at the University of Nottingham, England.

Thomas, W. H. Griffith. *The Holy Spirit of God*. Fourth Edition. Reprint. Eerdmans, 1963.

A comprehensive treatment of thinking about God's Holy Spirit organized in four parts: the biblical revelation, the historical interpretation, the theological formulation, and the modern application. Griffith Thomas, a prolific author of many books, was an Anglican clergyman who was influential in several countries, including the United States and Canada.

Walvoord, John F. *The Holy Spirit: A Comprehensive Study of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*. Third Edition. Zondervan, 1958.

A thorough look at the person and the work of the Holy Spirit in seven parts: the person of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit in relation to Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation, the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, eschatology of the Holy Spirit, and history of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Walvoord, a noted dispensational premillennial scholar, taught at Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas for fifty years (1936 to 1986).

Wood, Leon J. *The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament*. Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives Series. Zondervan, 1976.

A brief and accessible guide to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament that focuses on the work of the Spirit among God's people in those days and the role of God's Spirit among the early prophets of Israel. Wood was an Old Testament scholar who taught many years at Grand Rapids Bible College and Seminary in Michigan (1946 to 1975).